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The 133rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department

The Encampment opened at 9:31 AM.

Commander Edward Norris: The Officers and members of the 133rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will now come to order. Guide, you will determine if all are present and entitled to remain. Color Bearer, you will assist on the right.

Guide: Commander I find all our entitled to remain.

Commander Edward Norris: The Department Secretary will call the role of the officers of the Encampment.

Secretary/Treasurer: Daniel Murray: Commander Edward Norris?

Commander Edward Norris: Present.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Present

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford?

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Present.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray? Present.

Council Number One Peter Rotando?

Commander Edward Norris: Excused absence.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Council Number Two Kevin Tucker?

Council Kevin Tucker: Present.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Council Number Three George Maple?

Council George Maple: Present.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith?

Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith: Present.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Chaplain Peter Preble?

Chaplain Peter Preble: Present.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Historian George Kane?

Commander Edward Norris: Absent

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Counselor Kevin Tucker?

Counsel Kevin Tucker: Present

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining?

Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining: Present

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Civil War Memorials Officer Reynaldo Rodriguez?

Commander Edward Norris: Absent

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: GAR Highway Officer Robert Borden?

Commander Edward Norris: Absent

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Eagle Scout Awards Officer Timothy Callahan?

Commander Edward Norris: Absent

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Signals Officer Jack Manning?

Commander Edward Norris: Excused absence

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Commander, the roll is called.

Commander Edward Norris: Brothers, upon what principles is our order founded and what duties do we inculcate?

Encampment: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Commander Edward Norris: Brothers, we meet again as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in our annual session to review the work of the past and to plan for the future. May our conduct, our deliberations, be marked by mutual tolerance and fraternal courtesy, ever keeping in mind our duty to our country, to our Order, and to ourselves. The Department Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing.

Chaplain Peter Preble: Our heavenly Father, the high and mighty ruler of the universe, looks down upon the government of men, we earnestly ask Your favor to bless our native land and preserve in purity and integrity it's free institutions for all coming time.

Bless our Order, grant that it may long exist and that it may continue to be an instrument of great good to all. Give us willing hands and ready hearts to carry out properly its principles and objects. Keep green in our minds the memory of those who sacrificed so much that the life of the Nation might be preserved and deal with them in all things with Your special mercy. Give us Your aid in conducting the business for which we are assembled and so bless us that Charity and Justice, Peace and Harmony shall remain and flow from us. Amen.

Commander Edward Norris: Brothers, we will now give the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Bearer, you will present the colors.

Encampment: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Commander Edward Norris: By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby declare the 133rd Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it. The Guard will admit all Brothers qualified to enter. I need a committee on credentials. The Brothers are Al Smith, Kevin Tucker, and Stephen Twining. If you haven't already handed them your delegate card, could you please do so now? We are now going to go on to recognition of guests. We are going to do it from the book. So, go to page 30. Guide escort the officers to the altar. Officers of the National Organization, on behalf of the Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War I extend to you a hearty welcome to our meeting. Welcome.

National Junior Vice Commander Don Martin: Thank you

Commander Edward Norris: Al, do you know how many members we have registered at this time?

Patriotic Instructor Al Smith: Commander, we have 22 Brothers entitled to vote today.

Commander Edward Norris: If you are speaking, come up to the microphone at the podium; state your name, what position you hold.

Patriotic Instructor Al Smith: Commander, we have 22 Brothers who are entitled to vote at this Encampment.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Do we have any bylaws changes? Does anybody have any resolutions in their reports? We do have a resolution so we will need to appoint a committee; George would you serve on that

Past Department Commander George Maple: Yes

Commander Edward Norris: Don would you serve on it?

Camp Commander Donald Hayes: Yes

Commander Edward Norris: Richard, would you serve on it?

Brother Richard Nichols: Yes, I would.

Commander Edward Norris: Fraternal Relations, I would like somebody to go over to bring greetings to the ladies.

Counsel Kevin Tucker: I will.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you Kevin. Let's get into reports of Officers. I forgot to write one out but I can give a verbal one. I am Edward Norris. I am the Department Commander. I am looking forward to ending my second term as Commander. It has been a pleasure and anyone who is thinking of ultimately running for this position, it is really worthwhile and rewarding and I have had a great time doing it. It has probably made me a better person because of it and I got to see a lot of events, a lot of ceremonies and meet a lot of the Brother's that I wouldn't have, had I just participated at the Camp level.
In the past year we kicked off with, we tried to get our Camps closely working together. Camp 104 put on a great program in Wakefield at the Historical Society. Brothers from Camp 25 and 50 came up and participated in the event. We had our annual trip to Remembrance Day and that was well attended. Dan and Kevin always do a great job of pulling it together. Dan plans it out and Kevin always herds the cats and gets us all back on the bus without leaving anybody behind. We had an interesting tour of the Underground Railroad in Gettysburg and I'll leave it at that, It started great ….. Unfortunately, we had some other events that got snowed out. We got hit pretty hard with snow and we had to cancel Lincoln Day, for the second year in a row. Hopefully, Kevin will volunteer to do it again next year. It is always a great time. We had good representation at the National Encampment. A number of us went down and it was held in Georgia. Everybody made the vote, nobody missed, which is always a good thing. I think that's it. I will probably write more in my formal report. I was busy trying to think of everything I needed to get done for this Encampment and didn't get it written. That's my report. Senior Vice Commander?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: My name is Dexter Bishop and I am Senior Vice Commander for the Department of Massachusetts. My report is verbal at this point. This past year I have done a number of programs with the program we have at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. We meet on the third Wednesday at 1 PM every month. We've gone and put together a program either through videos or bring in speakers and the gentlemen up there have really appreciated the work that we come and do. They always ask, "When are you coming back?" So it has been a very productive year up there. We also have finally got Camp 22 up and running relatively good and it's been a very rewarding time for that. I have attended various other programs; the Camp 5 program in

Lynn and that is coming up again, just like to put a little plug-in for that. May 30 and 31 will be on the Common and on the 29th we will have a dinner at the Masonic Hall. Gen. Grant, Gen. Lee, and President Lincoln will be presenting a program. The tickets will be $15. We will also have a bean supper on Saturday and tickets there will be $15 and that's a tremendous night, Past Commander Kevin Tucker cooks for the bean supper. Every year we run out of beans because so many people keep coming back. The last year we had the Mayor and the Mayor came and made the presentation as Camp 5 ran a History Bee that was between Lynn English and Lynn Classical High Schools. Lynn English won and so we presented to the history department a bounty of $500 that the history department could spend on anything they wish. That was very well received and we also presented them with a plaque. That plaque will travel between the schools. I was approached by St. Mary's High this past month and they would like to play to. Lynn Technical High School would also like to participate. So next year we will probably have four schools involved, and have a little bigger History Bee. It is very well received and the kids are great, we will also be in the schools on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Saturday of course on the Common. That is our week of the 150th anniversary celebration in Lynn. So looking forward to that and I think it's going to be a great year.

Commander Edward Norris: One more thing, because it is related to the History Bee, could you mention the tickets on the sword.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Oh yes. Up in that corner there, there is a sword that has all kinds of patina on it and it is up for a raffle. We have 10 tickets left and they are $10 apiece. There are only 50 tickets, so that is how we are raising our $500 bounty for the program. So you got a good shot at getting that.

Patriotic Instructor Al Smith: It is a cavalry sword manufactured by Ames Manufacturing Company out of Chicopee.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: The ticket will be drawn at the bean supper. You don't have to be there but it will be drawn at the bean supper. Thank you

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Junior Vice Commander?

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: My name is Conley Ford and I am the Junior Vice Commander. I turned in a written report but I will summarize what I have turned in. This past year I attended the National Encampment. I think this is my sixth consecutive National Encampment. Anyone that hasn't been should attend if you have an opportunity to go to the National Encampment. I also participated in all of the district meetings which I find very informative and encourage everyone that is coming from a Camp to encourage your members to attend a district meeting. They are very important because a lot of essential information and the decisions we make at those meetings flows back to the Camps. The second thing is getting involved within the community. In 3188 we are very involved in Scituate Mass. and we participate with other veterans organizations. This year I am happy to say that we participated with the American

Legion, The Veterans of Foreign Wars and other veterans organizations in the Memorial Day parade ceremony, St. Patrick's Day parade, the laying of wreathes on all veterans graves in our national cemeteries and other cemeteries in the town of Scituate. Also, I encourage all Camps to advertise your meetings when you meet. This is free publicity for putting just a simple little ad, two or three lines in the local paper and announcing when your meeting is going to be. Sometimes you can expand that and say something about your Camp and how it was founded. The press is more than welcome to put that information in the local papers. Another thing is that I've tried to learn more about the district itself, so I traveled with our Commander for the initiation of new officers of the Camps. I find that very enlightening and very informative. At the same time it gave me the opportunity to meet my fellow Brother's at the Camp level because some never attend the district meeting or the National levels. I've also encouraged them about what we were doing wrong and what we were doing right, trying to pass that information on to encourage more membership. Now membership is as they say, you can get great volunteers but you need the kind of volunteers that are willing to work, so these are the ones you want to go after, the ones that will volunteer and actually step up and do something and take a job. Now, thanks to our National Junior Vice Commander Martin who sent us four referrals back to the state of Massachusetts, which we assigned them to the different perspective Camps based on where the people lived, which Camps we assigned them to. So we've assigned four new members in 2014. Hopefully we can get many more in 2015. So with that I say I've submitted my report and I do encourage everyone, membership is our lifeblood of our organization we have to it's not that, we just have to if we want to survive. We've got 22 people here today, we should've had 122 here today. There is no reason why we can't do it so we're going to be on the lookout and encourage people to come and meet with us. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Patriotic Instructor?

Patriotic Instructor Al Smith: My name is Al Smith and I am Departmental Patriotic Instructor. My report for this Encampment is I have received as of today one annual report of the Patriotic instructor and then that was received by Camp LA Tift which is Camp 15. I will be sending out reminder emails to the other Camps and to have them please submit their annual reports to me. Thank you

Commander Edward Norris: Secretary?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray, Department Secretary/Treasurer. Not having received all of the Camp Installation Reports which include rosters, but as best I can count we have 173 Brothers which will entitle us to 8 Delegates at National Encampment. The breakdown for that, if you are coming to Department Encampment, is between all the Camps we are entitled to 10 Camp Commanders, 19 Past Camp Commanders, 27 Delegates, for a total of 56. We also have 5 Past Department Commanders and 7 Department Officers. If each one only held one office we did have a possible delegate count of 68 for Department Encampment. The Annual Reports are due at the end of this month, which is April 30. So far I have received for Camp's: Camp

104, Camp 50, Camp 15 and Camp 22. The other 6 Camps haven't sent theirs in yet. That is it for the Secretary's report.
The Treasurer's report for the Department of Massachusetts as of 31 March 2015, the General Fund has $8225.92, which is our checking account. We have a Replica Flag fund which is a savings account that has $5871.73 in it. The Permanent Fund, which is our Wells Fargo account $611,460.78 and we have GAR Trusts and there are 5 of them. We also have another trust called the Loring Fund. We also have 3 CDs at Mayflower Bank which are a part of the Permanent Fund and those total up to $225,302.11. That includes the General Fund and the Flag Fund and you take that out we have $211,294.46 in the trusts and CDs. That brings us to a grand total of $745,607.10. If anyone wishes to see the Wells Fargo report please come up during any break and I will let you read through it.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Kevin, do you have a Council Report

Council Kevin Tucker: I do. Brother Commander, part of my Council Report is the budget.

Commander Edward Norris: Please hold that off until New Business.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander, Department of Massachusetts. Over the past several years the Department has done a commendable job in anticipating expenses and budgeting funds for its operation. It is seldom that the Council is called upon to make interim allocation decisions. This year we only received one such request. The Council received a request from Brother Daniel Murray on December 8, 2014 asking that $700 be allocated from the 2014 - 2015 budget to be used as a deposit for bus service for 2015 Annual Remembrance Day trip, which would normally have come from the 2015 - 2016 budget. Brother Murray, who organizes the Remembrance Day trip for the Department, located a bus company which quoted a price which was $2100 less than the price we have been paying over the last few years for the trip to Gettysburg. However, this bus company required a $700 deposit. It had to be received by them before the end of the year and thus the reason for the request. Since the request took place after the 2014 Remembrance Day trip in November the budgeted 2014 - 2015 funds had already been spent. Brother Murray requested a special allocation in order to take advantage of the $2100 savings. The Council approved the allocation of the deposit with the stipulation that the contract state that the deposit is fully refundable if the bus company has any issues providing service at the time of the trip so the $700 deposit will be combined with the budgeted funds to pay for the bus in 2015 with the left over $700 paid forward as the 2015 trip. In accordance with our Department By- Laws, one of the Council's duties is to perform an annual audit of the Departments financial records for the fiscal year prior to the Department Encampment. To this end, I met with Department Treasurer Dan Murray on April 9, 2015 in Salisbury, Massachusetts and conducted an audit of the Departments' finances. I found that the records were being properly stored and filed in order to facilitate retrieval, if necessary. I reviewed each of the accounts the Department keeps with financial institutions including checking, Wells Fargo investments, CDs and the cash on

hand. All were in good order with balance monthly statements where applicable and detailed transaction records. Brother Murray uses QuickBooks software which eliminates math mistakes, so computations were not an issue in determining how it balances. I verified that all of the items are being posted properly and in a timely manner in a general ledger. I viewed all receipts and checks issued against the bank statements and found that all were in order. I did inquire with Brother Murray as to control policies on Department accounts. They did find both Brother Murray and Commander Norris are signatories on all accounts. This results from both being Treasurer, current and prior. The Council recommends that the Department Treasurer and the Department Commander be signatories on all accounts going forward. As a backup to the Department Treasurer, the Department Commander should have the ability to access all accounts in case the Treasurer is unable to perform his duties. That recommendation has been sent to the Resolutions committee. Finally in accordance with the Department By-Laws and with forecasted revenues from the Department Treasurer recommendations from the Department Officers at the Department Officers meeting held on March 8, 2015, the Council has prepared a recommended budget for 2015 – 2016 fiscal year which we will present to the Encampment for their edification and approval later on this morning. That is my report, sir.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Do you have a Councilor report?

Councilor Kevin Tucker: There is no Counselor report, as I was not consulted in any way.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Department Chaplain?

Chaplain Peter Preble: Peter Preble Department Chaplain. Most of what I do is behind the scenes. I get an email from the Commander, of a death and so a sympathy card is sent to the family on behalf of the Department, and the Memorial Service that we had this morning. There was an attempt by me to reach out to the Camps to plan a visit but I never got an invitation; in fact I never even got an invitation from my own Camp. I was not able to visit any Camps this year but I hope that changes in the future. That is my report

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Did our Department Historian send the report?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: No he did not.

Commander Edward Norris: Department Graves Registration Officer?

Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining: Steve Twining, Graves Registration Officer. I am glad you guys went first because now I don't feel so bad as when I first got here because I don't have a written report. It is a long story but you don't need to hear that. I will have. As Graves Registration Officer I had been tremendously busy. I actually got a grant to do a publication on the 1129 Civil War veterans associated with Fitchburg

where I live. It is really great to know that this research that is going into Graves Registration, essentially there is the local council which has made a grant possible that will be able to publish for copies of this book. It was to the Sons of Union Veterans Camp 61 and it has become a very popular event that has caused me to, and this is no brag this is just fact, that it has caused me to be the go to guy in Fitchburg for Civil War things at the Historical Society, the library and I have been appointed to the local Historical Society which means I have a vote on how they treat our Monument Park, which is a Civil War Veterans Memorial. As Kevin knows, we have a Martin Milner sculpture that needs work but because I was Graves Registration Officer, this is how I got tapped into doing that. I have helped people find their ancestors way down in Georgia for the National Encampment. I actually helped Ken with his wife's line and found out about their soldiers and people that were in the Confederate cemetery from Massachusetts. They asked me where I was from and we talked about Pittsfield and they said, "Oh our ancestor's buried up there somewhere." I said, "Well hold on a minute." I took out my smartphone, they said yes he is buried in this cemetery up there. I have a picture of his gravestone. The National Organization has created a committee on gravestones and the function of that committee is to help people search for soldiers and help people to fill out the forms properly to get the gravestones issued, to replace stones or to get new ones for people that are not marked at all. I guess that's it. It's a busy job. I enjoy it tremendously and it's another way to spread the word about the Sons of Union Veterans.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Did our Civil War Memorials Officer send a report?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: No, he didn't.

Commander Edward Norris: Did our GAR Highway Officer send a report?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: No, he didn't Commander but he doesn't belong to this Department any longer.

Commander Edward Norris: I know. Did he resign from the Department?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: He transferred to Camp 10 in New Hampshire and did not renew his membership in Camp 50.

Commander Edward Norris: How about our Eagle Scouts Award Officer, did he send a report?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: No, he didn't.

Commander Edward Norris: We didn't have a Camp Organizer but the one we had last year said he wasn't going to do it but he was out there doing it anyways. Chip do you have anything to report?

Brother Stuart Chambers: Stuart Chambers better known as Chip, Camp 25 Past Camp Commander and other Department offices. Because I was working 56 to 60 hours a week I didn't take the position this past year. But through another organization I am with which I am going to tweak in just a second, the Shades of Gray, which played last night. I appreciate the Department having us back. The Shades of Grade played for the Department a few years back and we appreciate you having us come back to play for you again last night. As to recruiting and that, even though I didn't take it as an official capacity, whenever I am at any of the other events, for example the one in Rockland last weekend, I did set up a recruiting table even though I spent my time with the band playing. As a member of the Sons of Union Veterans I encourage all of you to go out and try and get new membership. If you can put a table up for recruiting, put flyers out there, maybe have a copy of The Banner out there, just promote us. Even if you just get one new member each year for each Camp it will help to make us grow. Hopefully they will be a little younger than the faces I see here. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Chip is more than a little modest. He did more than one event. Also he kept on telling me where he was recruiting. Signals officer, did he send a report?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Yes, he did. Would you like me to read it?

Commander Edward Norris: Yes, I would

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray, Secretary/Treasurer. I am reading Signal Officer Jack Manning's report. "Mostly the report concerns the Department website. I have attached the statistics from the Department website and we need to keep the contact information current, as well as the calendar. I suggest we make our meeting schedule a year in advance and post on the site. Camp updates are critical for people to contact Camp Commanders, etc.", especially after elections. If everybody would email Jack and update the officers so that anybody contacts the Camp they're contacting the correct officers. On the Facebook page he says "as of today we have 187 likes". Yours in Fraternity Charity and Loyalty, Jack Manning" If anyone wishes to view the statistics from the website it will be available at the head table.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Our ROTC Officer resigned, so that kind of fell by the wayside. It is something our next Department Commander probably needs to look at. We have received requests for this year. Finally, the Clarion Call editor? Nothing.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: He did not send in a report.

Commander Edward Norris: Am I missing any officers?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I don't believe so.

Commander Edward Norris: That is the Officers reports. Before I get into Camp reports, I am going to hold off a little bit. Matt from 3188 is going to be a little late; he contacted me by email. He said he would be here probably around 10:30 AM. Let's take a break; it's a good time. Before we do that, Brother Martin, do you have any words for us?

National Junior Vice Commander Donald Martin: No, I do not have anything else to add, unless somebody has some questions for me I can answer and if I don't really have an answer I will find out and get back to you before the end of the day.

Commander Edward Norris: Don we know you didn't attend Boston, so we have probably two of the best Department Encampment medals ever made, at least we like to think so. Please accept these on behalf of the Department

National Junior Vice Commander Donald Martin: Thank you. Thank you very much.

Commander Edward Norris: Let's take a 20 minute break. At that time if the Resolutions Committee and the Credentials Committee can meet and when we get back together we can cover those.

(Break)

Commander Edward Norris: Before we get into Camp reports, I had a request from the Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Connecticut to address the Encampment.

Brother Stephen Twining: I would like to bring the greetings of the Department of Connecticut.

Commander Edward Norris: We will start the Camp reports with Camp 5.

Brother Robert Mathias: My name is Bob Mathias and I am Secretary/Treasurer of Camp 5 General Lander, Lynn Massachusetts. I am not prepared for this; however I do realize we go through this procedure. Our Chaplain, Dexter Bishop did mention a few things we will be doing in May and would like to add a few more things. The Wednesday before Memorial Day every year we do the cemetery, Pine Grove Cemetery, at the Soldiers lot, we do a service, a rededication ceremony. We also have the ROTC there and all of the Veterans graves in the cemetery are flagged. A few more things I want to mention that our Chaplain did not mention, real quickly, we're going to have 42 teachers there, the Saturday before the 16th of May. We will have a class on Civil War history. They will be at the encampment on Lynn Commons on May 29, 30th and 31st. During that encampment we are going to have the Sixth Maine Battery. They will have a 10 pound Parrott rifle and will also have Chuck with the Navy contingent. That will be all day Saturday. The Friday night before that will be, as Dexter mentioned, the meal at the Masonic Hall. That Saturday we'll have the frank and bean supper. That will be at the

GAR hall which will also be open for tours. The Sunday morning after we will be winding down from the encampment, the group goes to St. Stephen's Church and we have a service in memory of Charles Remington Mudge who was killed on the second day of battle at Gettysburg. The church was built in his memory by his father and buried there is his father, his sister and his mother. The History Bee raffle will be on May 16 and he has mentioned that the sword is the raffle prize. The other thing I want to mention is the programs at the Chelsea Soldiers home. We've been doing that now for a few years, and when you go in there and see the veterans and how they perk up when the program is going on. I get a lot more out of it than what I give. Thank you

Commander Edward Norris: Is anyone here from Camp 15? Did they send a report?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: No, they didn't.

Commander Edward Norris: Camp 22?

Camp Commander Charles Lewis: My name is Charles W Lewis. Good morning everyone. I am very thankful and privileged to be here as the new Camp Commander of Camp 22, Department of Massachusetts at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. I see some familiar faces in here that I have been working with for perhaps a year and a half under the tutelage of our mentor, Mr. Dexter Bishop. I am very delighted to be Camp Commander. In fact I have about seven members and three potential members. To that extent Dexter and Bob because they come once a month to entertain the veterans. They all look forward to that. As Camp Commander we meet every month. Sometimes Dexter comes, sometimes Bob, and sometimes Al. We have our meetings at the recreation center at the Soldiers Home. We look forward to them every month. I serve on a detail three days a week and I always pass the word and it's always on the bulletin board. The bulletin board keeps the guys informed as to what is going on. I was also ecstatic to go on that trip to Gettysburg, which I went on in November 2014. I have my two great nephews here with me; one of them is a history buff like I am and is into Civil War history. When he was like 12 years old he used to look at all those videos about Abraham Lincoln; it's just amazing some of the things that Lincoln accomplished, especially on our behalf at that time. On the trip to Gettysburg last year I listened to a speaker talk about the Quakers involvement in the Civil War. Very historic, I was touched by that. By the same token I'm going to be more proactive in the coming months at Chelsea, we need some more members. Most of the ones we have are senior citizens and some of them are way up there. They cannot attend the events like at the cemetery; we don't have the facilities or transportation to accommodate them there. The coming months I'm going to be more proactive and relieve Mr. Bishop of some of his duties. I am honored to be the Camp Commander and made myself worthy of the responsibility involved with this position. Thank you

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Camp 25?

Brother John Dupree: My name is John Dupree, Past Camp Commander Camp 25. In the past year we've done all of the normal things that we usually do, flagging Hope,

Rural, and St. John cemetery's in Worcester. We also participated in the Water Ceremony which is the weekend before Memorial Day. Then the Memorial Day commemoration at Mount Hope Cemetery, we also marched in the Veterans Day parade in Worcester. One of the things that we have done is to go through our previous Camp roster and come up with an accurate count of current members. As of today 27 members, 3 Associates and a Junior member. All our members are paid up and our roster is probably the most current it has been in a number of years. That's my report. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Camp 26? Did they send a report?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: No, they didn't.

Commander Edward Norris: Camp 50? Did they send a report?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: No report.

Commander Edward Norris: Camp 61?

Camp Commander Donald Hayes: Don Hays, Camp Commander of Camp 61. I heard that there is no one from the SAR to bring you greetings. Well, there happens to be one and that is me. I am the former President in the State of New Hampshire of the SAR and I bring you greetings. I also belong to the Old Essex Chapter here in Massachusetts and to Jack Manning's South Shore. Camp 61 is a small Camp and we only meet four times a year. Last year we did not meet much at all because I was seriously ill and took months to recover. However, as an individual and a representative of the Camp I have two friends who are also Civil War buffs; unfortunately one of the friends is a member of that other organization from the southern part of the country. He had an ancestor who fought a Gettysburg. His wife had two ancestors who fought at Gettysburg but on the correct side and so the three of us go up to Lisbon, New Hampshire. You probably wonder why we're going up to Lisbon. It is one of those communities way up above Franconia Notch. There is a regional school and there is one grade per class that's how small it is. It is one of those places that tends to get overlooked. We have become a feature in the last three or four years for the eighth grade. I am going up again Wednesday. It is a first-person presentation; he dresses as Wade Hampton, Sen. Wade Hampton from the 1890s. I dressed in a duplicate of my ancestor's Corporals uniform from 1864 – 65. His wife sits between us dressed in colonial as well; because we are very good friends and we are both historians. We get into it and some people even think we are going to come to blows but then she settles us down. That is the scenario that we play. It works quite well. The students asked for us to return when the teacher tells us. The other thing is Brother Stephen Twining who you have heard from a couple of times today has done a lot in Fitchburg. He's added 68 more names to the Clara Barton Memorial for example. He took part in the ceremonies for the 150th at the Fitchburg Civil War Memorial, among all of the other things he has been doing. We met in November and had our officers election, we met in January and the Officers were installed then basically it's a perfectly good situation we enjoy each other's company.

On May 17, 2015 to go out to Springfield Armory on a field trip, it's an open event and we are inviting family and friends. Sometime in August we'll be going down to the Lynn GAR Hall. It turns out many of us have not seen it. And of course in November we'll have our officers meeting. Somewhere in between there the Senior Vice Commander of Connecticut has invited us to have a joint meeting with one from Connecticut. Of course that would be Stephen again. So that is the report. Dan here is the copy.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Thank you very much.

Commander Edward Norris: Now it's your turn, Camp 104.

Brother Richard Nichols: My name is Richard Nichols and I am the Camp Secretary, Charles H Bond Camp Wakefield, Massachusetts. We meet 10 times a year, the only time we don't meet is in July and August and that is because everybody is at the swimming pool. On March 30 we had a wreath laying ceremony for Past Department Commander Frank Tucker. That is in the Puritan Memorial Park, Peabody, Massachusetts. Then we attend the Annual Department Encampment each year, then in May we attend the wreath laying ceremony for the Charles H Bond Camp in Mount Auburn Cemetery. He was the founder of the Wakefield Camp. Then we also attend the Memorial Day ceremony at Bourne National Cemetery. Last year we attended on May 26, Memorial Day in Essex Massachusetts. George Rudder and myself attended and placed a wreath for the soldiers buried at the Spring St. Cemetery. Then on May 31 we attended the 150th anniversary in Lynn, Massachusetts. We also went to the bean supper. Then on June 21 we attended a Memorial Service at the Central Cemetery in Beverly, Massachusetts for a Civil War veteran, Charles F Ferguson. He was in the 1st Massachusetts Infantry and fought at the second day's battle at Gettysburg. He was wounded and had his leg removed and died in Gettysburg, at Camp Letterman. A number of our Brothers attended this along with 19 people from the town and it was also put on the local cable TV. They were very impressed by the Memorial Service and what we do. Every week this was being played some time on their local cable TV. This is to make people more aware of our own organization. You wouldn't believe it, people from Wakefield, Massachusetts attended our Wakefield Day Commemorative 150th last September. They didn't even know we existed, from Wakefield, Massachusetts, so we really have to be able to get our name out because of the fact that a lot of people don't realize what we do. Thanks to Camp 22, 25 and 50 that help us put on a fine event there. Then of course we had our installations at the end of the year. I thank you very much.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Camp 132? No report?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: No report.

Commander Edward Norris: I am going to hold off on Camp 3188. The Commander did notify me by email and said he was going to attend. So we will hold that off and if he doesn't come in by lunch we will see if somebody else wants to do it. Were there any communications?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray Secretary/Treasurer. For communications I have two Letters of Intent for Junior Vice Commander in Chief at the 2015 National Encampment. One is from Mark R Day of the Department of the Chesapeake and one from Robert M Petrovic of the Department of Missouri. I will leave these out on the table for anyone to read that is going to the National Encampment. We also received order forms for Gettysburg magazine. They're getting rid of whatever they have left for copies from Gatehouse Press; there is information and an order sheet. Under communications we also have one letter from Air Force ROTC at Burncoat High School from Worcester. They have an award ceremony on May 15 at 6:30 PM and will be at the Moronis Park banquet facility. They are looking for somebody to present the medal, if any Brother is available on May 15 to present the medal, it is a Friday evening. That is it for communications

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Lunch is at 11:30 AM.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I thought you said it was at 12 o'clock, earlier.

Commander Edward Norris: Well, I was wrong, I looked it up. Well, let me look it up again; the luncheon will be held at 11:30 AM on Saturday, April 25 and will feature delicious cold cut buffet luncheon for $15. So we have 40 minutes. Before I get into the committee reports, oh, is there any other unfinished business? What I would like to do is call up a few people and have them recognized for the work they have done for the Department. Most of these people I am going to give these to are Department Officers, because they are really the ones who do the lion's share of the work for us. I would like to recognize them and there are also a few others as well.(Awards were given to Patriotic Instructor Albert Smith, Banner Editor Reynaldo Rodriguez, Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining, Chaplain Peter Preble, Eagle Scouts Award Officer Timothy Callahan, Historian George Kane, Council George Maple, Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop, Secretary/Treasurer. Daniel Murray, Counsel Peter Rotando, Council Kevin Tucker, Signals Officer Jack Manning, Brother Chip Chambers, Brother Ken London, and Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford. (These Brothers, with the exception of Reynaldo Rodriguez, Timothy Callahan, George Kane, and Jack Manning who were not present, were called forward to have the award presented by the Department Commander and have their photo taken.). Last year, if you remember, I recognized two Brothers who have gone way above the normal call of duty; I gave it to Dan Murray and Kevin Tucker for all their years of service. I thought they did an outstanding job and they haven't really slowed down at all. They continue to do so. But this year I wanted to give an award to somebody else. The Brother has already talked about some of his accomplishments but you all probably know that for the 150th, he has been very active in coordinating all of the activities; he had at least one signature event. He does a lot; he brings people together up at the Pine Grove Cemetery and brings the Boy Scouts and some other youth groups in and they flag the entire cemetery. Probably one of our most important accomplishments was the work that is done up at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. He finally got the Camp up and running this year. This year we

installed the officers and officially got the Camp going. It's been more than a year that he has been going up there. And I know a number of Brothers have gone up there to present programs to the veterans there and it has been very worthwhile. I remember when he came up and asked for money the first time; it was a little unexpected and we had a little debate on how much he should really get. Looking back, we probably didn't give him enough at the time, and we have steadily increased it to help out. You probably know Dexter Bishop and he's done an amazing job. I want to give him this for outstanding service to the Department of Massachusetts. (Applause) Thank you, Dexter.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you

Commander Edward Norris: Gee, we still have a half hour.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: May I address the Encampment for a moment.

Commander Edward Norris: Okay.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: The proceedings from last year are done. Some of the Camps are here so I can pass those out. The Camps that are not here will have them mailed to the Camp Secretary. Brother Bob Mathias Camp 5, Camp Commander Charles Lewis Camp 22, Camp 25, Camp 61, Camp 104, and Camp 3188. These are for the Camp records. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: I am not sure where Matt is, however I thought he would be here by now. Does anyone have a copy of Matts report for Camp 3188? If he comes in we will address it then. We have covered unfinished business. We will now have reports of the Committees, Resolutions Committee.

Council George Maple: George Maple, Past Department Commander, Resolutions Committee. We unanimously accepted the resolution put forth by Brother Kevin Tucker.

Commander Edward Norris: And the resolution was?

Council George Maple: Having the Department Commander be a cosignatory on our accounts.

Commander Edward Norris: Do we need a By-Law change for that?

Counsel Kevin Tucker: Only if you want to make a By-Law exchange.

Commander Edward Norris: So the incoming Department Commander and the incoming Department Treasurer will arrange that. Should we be looking at that for a By-Laws change next year?

Council Kevin Tucker: You can but we need to vote on the motion first.

Commander Edward Norris: Do I have a motion on the recommendation from the Resolutions Committee?

Council Kevin Tucker: I will make a motion.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: I will second.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion? There being none we'll go to the vote; all in favor? All oppose? So moved. We might as well do the Credentials Committee now.

Patriotic Instructor Al Smith: Hi, my name is Al Smith and I am a member of the Credentials Committee and also the Department Patriotic Instructor. For today's report there are 20 eligible Brothers that can vote here today. Of that 20, there are two Brothers from Camp 22, six Brothers from Camp 25, five Brothers from Camp 104, three Brothers from Camp 5, two Brothers from Camp 3188 and finally two Brothers from Camp 61, for a total of 20.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you, Al. Are there any Brothers attending who cannot vote?

Patriotic Instructor Al Smith: Brother Wallace, who isn't here yet and Brother Don Martin.

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Commander. we have two young gentlemen here today with us. I don't think that we have been introduced. It is Tyler and TJ. It would be interesting to hear from them, how they heard about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. You guys have something to say or maybe would like to say something?

Tyler: No, thank you.

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: The young people are the future of our organization so we need to engage them a little bit more.

TJ: I just want to say I'd pretty much spent a lot of time with my uncle and he has always influenced me. I have an interest in joining the service as well. I really never knew too much about it until I sat down and talked with him. Then he really opened my mind to see how much they do for us in the community and how he has these plans going on for us to take notes and see this, to really engage in it, to see what people are doing because it does mean a lot. You guys are seeing a lot of history, you've seen a lot and you've been through a lot. You could definitely give us some insight into stuff that is very important, I think it is a very important thing, encouraged to be a part of and to see it now, to see where it has come, definitely shows that you guys made a huge change and difference. I applaud you guys.

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Thank you

Commander Edward Norris: I don't want to start the budget yet.

Unknown: I didn't make it to the Campfire last night, but I've known Ed for quite a while now. He was one of the first guys I met when I started to attend National and we've had a lot of interesting times together and a lot of discussions so I have a couple of things for him and I want you to note that I spared no expense on the wrappings.(presented to Commander Norris)

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. How did you know I like the Bruins?

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Commander. when would you like to take the Encampment photo?

Commander Edward Norris: After the Encampment? No, we should do it before the Brothers start leaving. We will do it soon. Here come the ladies.

(Sisters escorted in)

Sister Veronica Mellor: I would like to give greetings to the Department of Massachusetts and hope that you have a very great Encampment this year and I am the new Department President.

Commander Edward Norris: Well, congratulations.

Sister Veronica Mellor: Thank you.

Sister Diane Mellor: Good morning Commander and my lovely Department Sons. I bring you my own personal greetings. I thank you so much for inviting us to come this year and as always it is a joy to be here.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you.

Sister Anna Frail: Hello gentlemen. I am going to bring greetings again from National and from the Department of Rhode Island. It is always nice to visit you guys up here and I hope you have a very harmonious Encampment.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. Okay, Carol.

Unknown Sister: Thank you very much gentlemen and this has been a lot of fun and you have picked a very nice hotel. I want to thank you for inviting us all.

Commander Edward Norris: You can thank Alan and Dexter for the accommodations we have. Thank you ladies, it is always a pleasure being with our Sisters from the Department and National. Is your Encampment all done?

Sister Veronica Mellor: Yes, it is.

Commander Edward Norris: Okay, then I hope you had a really successful one. Thank you very much

(Sisters escorted out)

Commander Edward Norris: Let's cover one more thing. Back in December we received a request from Dan Murray, who is a Past Department Commander from New Hampshire. The request was to transfer his Honors, his Past Camp Commander Honors. Let me rephrase as he would like to transfer his Past Camp Commander Honors and I approved that letter back in December, so one of the things we need to do is vote on that as an Encampment…if we agree that we can transfer the Honors, if not he can remain a Past Camp Commander in New Hampshire.

Council Kevin Tucker: I will make the motion.

Council George Maple: I will second.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion? Being none, all in favor? Any opposed? So moved. Congratulations Dan.

Secretary Treasurer Daniel Murray: Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Well, why don't we break and Conley can take his **photographs**. Lunch will be in about 15 minutes. We are moving right along with this only because we have two members who don't attend any longer.

(Recessed for lunch at 11:15 AM. Reconvened at 1:05 PM)

Commander Edward Norris: We are going to drop back to Camp reports. Camp 3188.

Brother Matthew Wallace-Gross: I am going to keep it short and sweet; I am Commander Matt Wallace-Gross of Camp 3188 down in Scituate. I am going to just give a quick Camp report while Conley takes my press photo. For the last year Camp 3188 has not been as active as it has been in previous years. So one of the things we're moving forward with this year in order to make Camp meetings more interesting and hopefully even bring in some of the general public and boost some interest in the Organization. Taking a cue from the Civil War roundtables, what I noticed from the local Civil War Roundtables and other parts of the country, they will have speakers come in. And finally one of the things that I'm sure folks in the various Camps have experienced this, one of the things that can be kind of a drain for people showing up at times is, well

we're going through the same thing, we don't have a speaker, we don't have show and tell and so we are trying to really turn that around. Like I said, taking a cue from the Civil War Roundtable, I have spoken with a couple of members over the last couple weeks and we're sending off letters to various authors, some of them are here in Massachusetts, some of the authors and park historians are further south of here. This is in order to engage the general public and to provide more of a fun aspect to our meetings as well. Even though we are a nonprofit organization, we bring in the public, you can have a donation. You can kind of have a general public interest written to a speaker on Lincoln, on some aspects of Abraham Lincoln that people may not be familiar with. A speaker on legacies of the Civil War down south at one of the National Parks, as well. Like I said, trying to drum up a little bit of interest in the general public but also the Camp meetings as well. Also increase show and tell; we have resources right here in the state from folks that have some collections. Another is a fellow who does Naval, is a Naval historian, Civil War Naval histories. He has spoken at the Roundtables, too. These folks are people that we've reached out to, so that they'll come in and give a little more interest as far as the show and tell aspect of the meetings goes. We are also going into our Memorial Day ritual. A few years back we had gotten in the habit of giving Memorial speeches at the Scituate Memorial Day events. Members have consistently been at the Scituate Memorial Day events ever since the organization was founded several years ago. We wanted back into giving out the speech about a Scituate soldier to draw and the local aspect and hopefully drum up some additional support for the Camp. We did have, as far as this past year we did have a nice get-together towards the end of the year the beginning of this year as far as all the folks getting together just after the holidays and we had an excellent installation ceremony with our Commander present for that. Once again that is the kind of short and sweet Camp report, just trying to get back involved and reach out to the public a little bit more. That is about it.

Commander Edward Norris: Thank you. I believe we need to update the credentials because Camp 3188 now has three. Is that correct? So we have 21 voting members.

Patriotic Instructor Al Smith: That is correct.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any other new business before we get into the budget?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: What about the committee we formed for 2017?

Commander Edward Norris: We will do that now. Under unfinished business we will have reports of committees. Would you like to speak on that?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Massachusetts and I am also Chairperson of the committee for an application to host the National Encampment here in Massachusetts in 2017. With permission of the Commander, we formed a committee and we sent off a proposal in

this coming week, actually now that I think about it, Jim Crane is on his way here. We will be hosting him to let him see the hotels we have selected as being the best to hold a National Encampment. It looks like everything is going as well as we can hope for. I want to thank Kevin for the fantastic job he did for writing up the proposal; without him we would probably still be in the planning stage; we would especially like to thank him for that. The other members of the Committee are Dan and myself and Ed Norris. So they said they're going to look at it and if we are really lucky it should be held at the Sheraton in Framingham which is pretty well centrally located. It should be a great time I'm sure as good as, if not better, than the one that was done in 2008. So we're going to try to outdo 2008 even though we're going to use some of the same people to make it happen. Keep that in the back of your head and we will keep you updated as we go along. As soon as we know if we have a shot at it, what we will be doing and we will keep communications going. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: For those of you who don't know, barring any big surprises, Brother Martin will be presiding over the 2017 National Encampment. While we cover the budget next, Kevin, are you going to lead that?

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander and Chairman of the Department Council. I just want to mention that Brother Don has a son in Boston so he has a connection here and I'm sure is going to give a little push to have it here in 2017 instead of Michigan. All right if you look at page 1, you will see last year what we budgeted versus this year we budgeted and then the difference. That's not what we budgeted. We had some unexpected expenditures last year including some Department Encampment expenses and we went way over what went into stated due to miscommunications. So what I would like to do is take it line by line, and if you want to take a vote every line, answer any objections to any line, we could discuss it.

Commander Edward Norris: Is that a motion?

Council Kevin Tucker: Yes, that is a motion.

Commander Edward Norris: Any discussion on the motion. All in favor of the motion? Any opposed? So moved.

Council Kevin Tucker: The first line is Battle Flag replicas. So on December 22 we are having a return of the flags to the Statehouse in Boston. It is a re-creation of 1865 when all the regiments lined up and brought their flags back to the governor of Massachusetts. If any of you have ever been to the Statehouse you will see murals of this event all over the Statehouse. So we have been lining that up with the Sesquicentennial Commission for the State and the city of Boston to get that lined up. In the meantime we need to have flags to bring into the Statehouse so we are creating, fabricating some flags. We have the artwork but no flags yet. Supposedly they are coming in pretty quick and we have been putting aside $1500 a year for the past three years and so we have a pretty good kitty, as Dan mentioned earlier. So last year's

budget was $1500, we are proposing this year's budget to also be $1500, no difference. Is there any discussion?

Unknown: So the total amount of the kitty is $4500?

Council Kevin Tucker: Dan what did you have?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: $5871.73

Unknown: How many flags will that be?

Council Kevin Tucker: We're not sure yet. It should be about $300 a flag. This will be the final year, obviously, for that line item but we will have an additional $1500 to finish paying off these things. Hopefully they will come fast and furious now.

Commander Edward Norris: Any other questions? All in favor? Opposed? So moved.

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is the Department Sesquicentennial event. We have put aside $1000 a year. We did last year, we will again this year. Dexter has been coordinating the Sesquicentennial event in Lynn. We have one actually tomorrow in Charlestown, Massachusetts at the training field. We have a Civil War Remembrance Day in Charlestown. It doesn't take much. We generally pay for half of the food expenses because I have a collation afterwards. Those are the only things we have scheduled so far. I'm not sure what we spent it on besides Lynn last year, but $1000 seems to be a fairly good number for any eventualities. We are winding down the sesquicentennial this year; there doesn't seem to be too many events left. This is not the same budget as a return of the flags, so it's different.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Senior Vice Commander. I just have a question where we are coming up to our program again this year and I was looking to request $800 toward the Lynn program to help us with that. Part of my question is will there be enough left over to cover the other events, the $200 that is left there.

Council Kevin Tucker: For tomorrow's event it looks like it is going to be $150. That would give us enough to cover tomorrow and have $50 left over; however I'm not sure if there are any other events. There are none that I am aware of.

Commander Edward Norris: I know they are not accepting any more applications. So there will not be any more Sesquicentennial events.

Council Kevin Tucker: Well this was never a National Sesquicentennial event; this is our own Department one, so we never required any applications. So, yes is the answer.

Commander Edward Norris: Any other discussion on the proposed $1000?

Brother Stuart Chambers: Stuart Chambers Past Camp Commander 25. Did the thousand dollars get spent from last year? If so, on what?

Council Kevin Tucker: $650 was actually spent last year with a little bit of a remainder… $350.

Brother Stuart Chambers: The remainder of that, what happens to it? Does it go into the general fund?

Council Kevin Tucker: Yes, it does.

Brother Stuart Chambers: Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any other discussion on this? Okay, all in favor? All opposed? So moved

Council Kevin Tucker: The next item is the Department Benjamin Butler Ceremony. Last year's budget was $100; we actually spent $59.95. We actually think we should keep it at $100 for this year, too.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Are we doing the ceremony again this year?

Commander Edward Norris: That will be up to the incoming Department Commander. But we should be doing it.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: So we should be doing it……..

Commander Edward Norris: The guy who I planned it with miscommunicated and it is not the guy who we want to plan it with any longer.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: So you will provide the information as to who to talk to?

Commander Edward Norris: I was trying to get him to get approval to go into the cemetery, because it is a private cemetery, instead of doing that is he was trying to line up Martha Coakley to speak during her election campaign. So nothing happened, though they did eventually end up doing something.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: I thought I saw somewhere the individuals within the last year are looking to do it again.

Commander Edward Norris: They are very helpful. Any other discussion on this one? All in favor? Any opposed? Passes.

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is Department Colors and Maintenance equipment. Last year's budget was $100, we spent nothing. In this year's proposed budget is $100. Basically this is for repairs to the poles or if we lose the Eagle or some repairs to the flag. It is just a fund to keep on hand, in case.

Commander Edward Norris: Any discussion on this one? All in favor? Any opposed? Passes.

Council Kevin Tucker: Is Department Depot rent expenses. $1000 was spent and then we are again recommending $1000. This is for the Rockland GAR Hall, which is our Department Depot for records and artifacts. This also helps to keep them in heating oil for the winter. That is our recommendation.

Commander Edward Norris: Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Passes.

Council Kevin Tucker: The next item is Department Encampment expenses. Last year we were budgeted $4000; we spent $3995.80 because of the unanticipated expenses. This year we think we have it back under control again and are proposing $1500.

Commander Edward Norris: Any discussion?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Senior Vice Commander. I would like to suggest we consider adding $500 to that just in case expenses go up. We're doing very well this year but it's just the thought that we might want to think about it.

Commander Edward Norris: Is that a motion?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, it is.

Commander Edward Norris: Any discussion?

Council Kevin Tucker: Yes I would like to discuss it. Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander. Do you know what the projected expenses are for this Encampment?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: I don't have that right in front of me. I know that we are close.

Council Kevin Tucker: You are paying for this Encampment with this budget, or most of it.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Well, that's true too.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray Secretary/Treasurer. What is also not included in this year's budget is the income from the meals. By the time you use the money for the meals to offset this, you should not come anywhere near the $1500.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: I will withdraw my motion. I pick my fights and I will find one.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any other discussion? So we are voting on the recommended $1500. All in favor? Opposed? Passes for $1500.

Council Kevin Tucker: Our next line item is Department Miscellaneous Expenses. Last year we budgeted $500 and we spent $379.29. These are generally unexpected things like flowers for funerals, anything that comes up that the department is being represented that we need additional funds. We are recommended upping that to $1000. Last year was kind of a down year, only $370 but it has been increasing over the years and we thought a thousand dollars would be a buffer in case anything should happen.

Commander Edward Norris: Any discussion? All right, Al.

Patriotic Instructor Al Smith: Al Smith Patriotic Instructor. Just a question on this increase of $500, in the event it's not used, can we get permission to use that $500 for the additional expense that Dexter is looking for.

Council Kevin Tucker: That is a different line item.

Patriotic Instructor Al Smith: We can't debit and credit.

Council Kevin Tucker: And of course we have a mechanism for unbudgeted items to move accounts around but that is not what we're discussing today.

Commander Edward Norris: Okay is there any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Passes for $1000.

Council Kevin Tucker: The next item is Department Officers meeting expense. Last year we budgeted $1000. We spent $547.03, and we are recommending $1000 this year. There may be more Officers meetings this year than last and so the added expense.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Passes for $1000.

Council Kevin Tucker: The next line item is Department Officers bonds. We budgeted $250 and the actual spent was $235. It is mandatory that we have Officers bonds and the price is fairly well set.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Passes

Council Kevin Tucker: The next line item is Department Officers travel expenses. Last year's budget for the Department Commander was $1100; all of that was spent. The Department Senior Vice commander was $500; all of that was spent. The Department Junior Vice Commander was $500; all of that was spent. The Department Secretary was $250; all that was spent. The Department Treasure was $250 and he only spent $249.72. The Department Chaplain's budget was $100 and zero of that was spent. Actually last year $250 was budgeted on the Chaplain but again none of that was spent. So we are proposing to keep all those levels the same except for the Department Chaplain and bring that down to $100 and his mileage, in case he has to travel on behalf of the Department around the Department, he should get his mileage at $.56 a mile. So the total travel budget last year was $2700 and the total spent was $2599.72. We are recommending that the $2700 budget again this year.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Senior Vice Commander. I would just like to suggest that we increase the Chaplains budget from $100 to $250 because he is plans to try to get out to all of the various Camps and I am going to be encouraging him to do so. So he may need additional funding there.

Commander Edward Norris: So you want $250?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes.

Commander Edward Norris: Well, let's discuss the $250. All in favor of the $250? Opposed? Okay that passes. Any further discussion on the total Department Officers travel expenses? So that will bring that line then up to a total of $2850. All in favor of the 2850? Opposed? That passes.

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is the Department Secretary office expense. Last year we budgeted $500 and the Secretary spent $491.44. We recommend $500 again this year for the Departments Secretary's office expense.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Senior Vice Commander. I would like to see that go up to $700-$750 or something of that nature because postage is going up, and things of that nature, and you're stuck at the last minute. You feel comfortable with that?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I feel comfortable with the $500 because I can bounce back and forth between the Secretary and Treasurer's office expense.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: I withdraw my motion.

Commander Edward Norris: All in favor of the Secretary's expense for $500? Opposed? That passes for $500.

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is the Department Treasurer's office expense. Included in that is the annual CPA expense we have budgeted at $2050 and we spent $2050. Office supplies we budgeted at $350 we spent $346.62. Then tax form preparation we budgeted $500 and we spent $500. We recommend that we keep all of those amounts the same for a total expenditure of $2900. Last year's expenditure was $2896.62.

Commander Edward Norris: I just want to make everybody is aware we are required by our By-Laws to get a CPA review of our records and they are required to fill out tax forms not just the little postcards most of the Camps send. That's why those two items are in there, for those of you that didn't know. Any discussion? Dexter.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Senior Vice Commander. I have a question for the Treasurer. Are we locked into that $2050 for that CPA for this coming year or is he going to charge more.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: He hasn't said that he is going to charge more. He has charged us that every year.

Commander Edward Norris: It used to be $2000, it went up $50.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: So you don't expect any increase.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: No, I don't.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Then I have nothing else to say about this.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any other discussion?

Patriotic Instructor Al Smith: Al Smith Patriotic Instructor. I just have one question. The CPA that prepares the forms… we are not running afoul of Mr. Orr?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Not as far as I know. I don't run this by Mr. Orr. I'm only worried about the federal government. We haven't run afoul of them yet.

Council Kevin Tucker: I'm sure they would let us know.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any other questions? All in favor? Opposed? $2900 passes.

Council Kevin Tucker: The next line is Department web hosting expense. We budgeted $150 and we spent $109.45. We are recommending $150 for the upcoming year. Some years we have to register the name of the domain and most of this, like for

this year, is for the hosting services I don't think we are expecting an increase in price but again this gives us a little bit of a buffer just in case.

Commander Edward Norris: Back when I was Treasurer we registered the domain for 10 years. Okay all in favor of $150? Opposed? Passes for $150.

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is flag holders. These are flag holders for Civil War graves. Last year we budgeted $3000 and we spent $2987.80. This year we are projecting to spend $1500. It has usually been $1500 per year but the year before last an accounting error was made and it was carried over to last year twice. So $1500 for this coming year.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Passes $1500.

Council Kevin Tucker: Next is Good of the Order expenses. I'm going to go down through the lines. For the Chelsea Soldiers Home activities we budgeted $2000 last year; we spent $1998.52. I can't believe you could not squeeze out that $1.48.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I tried.

Council Kevin Tucker: The next line item is Eagle Scouts award. We budgeted $300 and we spent $143.75. I think, as you know, that this line item depends a lot on activity and Tim has been less active than he has been in the past. Next is NERA hosting. We had budgeted $200 and we spent nothing. We recommend budgeting $200 again. I think there was a meeting canceled. Other Good of the Order expenses which is miscellaneous and we budgeted $200. We spent $101.75. This gives a little bit of leeway, and of course the Commander has say in how this is spent. Recruitment, we have budgeted $500. We spent $178.50. Research genealogy, we budgeted $200 and we spent $189 which is a subscription to ancestry.com. ROTC awards we budgeted $200 and we didn't spend anything. Again, that has been with activity. Stone placement, this has been a placeholder forever. We budgeted $250 and we didn't spend anything. I don't think we've ever used this line item; we keep it in case there is some stone that has to be placed in a cemetery. So the total budget last year was $3850 and the total spent was $2611.52. We are projecting the same as last year; we recommend we put aside $3850 for all Good of the Order expenses.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Senior Vice Commander. I would like to make a motion that we increase the Soldiers Home from $2000 to $2500. We now have more activities going and so it would be good if we had that little cushion right now.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion on the increase to $2500 for the Soldiers Home? All in favor? Any opposed? That one passes $2500.

Brother Matthew Wallace-Gross: Commander, I am Matt Wallace-Gross, Camp Commander of Camp 3188. Just a quick question…. researching genealogy said that was for an Ancestry.com subscription. Is that right?

Commander Edward Norris: Yes.

Brother Matthew Wallace-Gross: Is that anything that is accessible to anybody in the Camps to help prospective members use or is it strictly at the Department level.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: There was a discussion about it last year, the terms and conditions when you sign up.

Commander Edward Norris: It is an individual subscription so it cannot be a group subscription. We usually have more than one who can access it but we try to control access because we don't want them to notice it coming from all over the place. It is typically only a couple of us that have access

Council Kevin Tucker: If we had a prospective member that was serious we could look up his ancestry using Ancestry.com. We would just have to get permission from whoever has the license.

Brother Matthew Wallace-Gross: Would they have to be the ones that would have to go out and do that?

Commander Edward Norris: I have looked them up in the past for people.

Brother Matthew Wallace-Gross: Okay, thank you.

Patriotic Instructor Al Smith: Al Smith Patriotic Instructor. I'm getting up here almost as much as Dexter. I do have one question, or rather one comment; it is about the recruitment amount, to pick up on Brother Ford who was asking, making note that we should expand our ability to find memberships and such. For several years I've had the thought of expanding a membership drive. One of the places I've always thought that was ripe for the picking with the various veterans organizations, the Veterans Administration hospital, there is one in Lowell, one in Bedford, one in somewhere else that I can't remember. That these would be prime places to find new membership. We having Camp 5, a new member who is affiliated with the Veterans Association and I've talked to Dexter about it. If we get this new member to give us the contacts he has with the veterans, though this would be a prime area to find new memberships. Therefore I am asking to raise the budget from $500 to another amount to be discussed, to expand the various recruitment that every Camp has to offer. So that's what I'm suggesting is we raise the recruitment to a different budget amount.

Commander Edward Norris: To what? You need to make a motion.

Patriotic Instructor Al Smith: I make a motion to raise up to $750.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Edward Norris: Any discussion on raising the recruitment budget to $750.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander. I just feel that that is vague; what specifically the money would be used for is not quite clear other than we're going to do more of something we haven't done before. I just think that without a proper plan in place the actual expenditure doesn't really have any weight to it. We didn't spend $500 so, we spent $178.50 and not quite sure what that was spent for.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: It was for mileage.

Council Kevin Tucker: So that was for the recruiter who officially doesn't exist anymore and so that $178 will be available on top of the remainder. I think $500 is a reasonable amount of money to put aside for this. If it expands we can always up it next year. And again, if it's an emergency the Council can always vote on it during the year.

Commander Edward Norris: Any further discussion on this?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Up until about two years ago this budget was only $250 and we never spent anywhere near the $250. It was two years ago that Conley Ford suggested we raise it to $500 and since we've raised it to the $500 I don't think we've spent over $200. I would be against raising it any more than $500 for now. We should limit it to $500 until they at least spent near the $500.

Junior Vice Commander Conway Ford: Conley Ford Junior Vice Commander. Recruitment, everybody in here is a recruiter. When you recruit, the problem is people are not turning in vouchers and stuff for the recruiting. I know for example that Chip does recruiting work. What is happening to our budget is, is why monies are not spent, is people doing their jobs and not turning in their vouchers to get reimbursed. So maybe we need to take another look at this and the money should still be there. If we get into an aggressive recruiting program I would expect everyone to turn their vouchers in. If you called out this week on another subject at a different Camp location and you're a member of this organization you should be allowed to send your voucher and whether you're a recruiter or not. Each Brother is a recruiter and should be able to turn in mileage for that. I would think that would be an incentive to get out to do recruiting. I am not driving 35 or 50 miles to talk to people if I don't get reimbursed, because that's a tank of gas, $25 to get me there and back. But they know they're going to be reimbursed for mileage, that's incentive for them to get out there. That's my feeling on the budget itself. I am surprised that we don't have, we didn't go over budget myself for recruitment in 2013 and 2014. I think that the increase is desirable. We should always have money available to do the job, whether we use it or not.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there anybody else?

Brother Matthew Wallace-Gross: Commander, Matthew Wallace-Gross Commander Camp 3188. With the recruiting budget, Patriotic Instructor Smith made a comment on as far as in respect to going out to places that would be good venues for recruiting. One being veterans hospitals but I can think of others too; there is multiple genealogical society meetings in this state throughout the year which would also be ideal locations for recruitment and some of them would expect a table, feel some sort of a representative of the Sons was going to be there.

But Conley was mentioning about the expenses of getting there and back. I am of the opinion that we should up it. I don't think a couple hundred dollars one way or the other is going to really make or break the overall budget with the funds that we have available to the Department. But speaking to that, I forget whether it was Commander Norris who said it or not, if there was some emergency situation that arose, let's say something came up where a Brother was able to recruit at a genealogical event and it was going to cost money to have a table there to be present at the event or it is probably not going to cost you anything go to a VA hospital per se, other than expenses getting there and back and recruiting materials. Would that be something they would have to take a special vote on that they could turn down too? If they could turn it down then, nothing is likely to happen; it would seem to me that he had a couple extra hundred dollars there that you would have it available.

Commander Edward Norris: There is the other Good of the Quarter expense and there is also the Miscellaneous expense fund. We could use that on the recruiting item.

Brother Matthew Wallace-Gross: Okay, so it would be available. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any other discussion on raising the recruiting budget?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: This is the same argument that was used two years ago, that we were going to go on to all this recruiting and we needed all this money. It hasn't happened. If I saw that the budget was anywhere close to what was budgeted this year, it would be one thing. The only person who has put anything in is Brother Stuart Chambers and he hasn't even come close. He has only put in for $178. Nobody has put in any slips and nobody has even talked about doing anything and I just think until it happens we have enough money that we can cover anything that is going to happen in this budget. So I am against raising the recruitment budget.

Council Kevin Tucker: So my question to all of you is how many of you would go out and do recruiting, drive someplace to do recruiting? How many of you are not doing it because there is no money in the budget? There is money in the budget and if you want to do it, please submit your vouchers and you get paid. Rather than endorse it and say it is worth $700, we have put $1000 for recruiting before and not spent any of it. Money is not the issue and it never is, we have money as you can tell but not enough activity to

use the money we have. So that is what we are talking about. I am also against increasing it to $750.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Senior Vice Commander. I am satisfied to leave it where it is at. It is my plan that I will form a committee and this committee is going to be tasked with getting out there and recruiting and doing recruiting jobs and actively look for venues to go to. We will also need to produce some recruitment materials that are catchy and people look at them not just take them. So that is in the future but I could live with the $500 that is budgeted for this year.

Commander Edward Norris: I'm going to call the discussion closed; we have heard both pros and cons for raising the budget to $750. We're going to take a vote on it. All in favor of increasing the budget to $750? Opposed? The nays have it. Is there any other discussion on the Good of the Order expenses? Perley.

Brother Perley Mellor: Perley Mellor, Past Commander in Chief, I am recommending that we increase our budget for the Good of the Order by $2500. I know it sounds like a lot but what I am recommending is that we buy a bench Stevenson Memorial Plaza in Petersburg Illinois. They are trying to raise the money to update and modify that entire area. For any of you that have ever been to Petersburg to the, let me look at my notes, cemetery will find it in deplorable condition for the founder of the GAR. They have two cannons and a bunch of dirt. The city of Petersburg is also working with the Rose Hill Cemetery people, the Sons, and the historical society and several other organizations to modify and update this area. I do know for a fact that the National Auxiliary has purchased a bench for there and the Department of California and the Pacific has purchased a bench and with all the money we have, which is more than any other Department in the country, we can afford to pay to put a bench for this worthwhile project that they are doing. This is the brochure from, from this year's thing, they took it off of the Internet, what they want it to look like. When they get done it will be a worthwhile project because what the city is proposing to do is pave all the roads going out there and then landscape the entire place. They are to have people who are going to landscape it and the paving company is already donated part of their work and stuff for them. So there is a lot that is being donated to it. The actual placement of it, the bricks, they have bricks too but I'm not talking about the bricks, I'm talking about the bench, it could say something about the Department of Massachusetts 2015, whatever we want to put on it. But I am recommending that we increase this budget by about $2500 to buy this bench. Our Auxiliary, who has no money, has purchased a brick for there at their meeting today. So I am recommending this; I am making this a motion to purchase this bench for $2500. I have all the forms here for it and all the applications.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there a second?

Unknown: I'll second that.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion? Yes, Kevin.

Council Kevin Tucker: I have a question for Perley. Perley what is the time frame for finishing the monument?

Brother Perley Mellor: They want to have it all done by 2016, at the Encampment at Springfield Illinois. That is next August.

Council Kevin Tucker: That is a year from August?

Brother Perley Mellor: A year from August. They have to have a certain amount to start and they will start on it.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Pass Department Commander. Obviously it is a worthy endeavor and I do not have an issue with that; the problem is $2500. Right now we are budgeting more than we anticipate getting back from our investments. We do have some in the checking account to make up the difference between what we expect back and what we spend; $2500 though, I think, would put us over. We would be in a deficit at that point. What I would recommend is in this case is once we get past this fiscal year we won't have the Battle Flag replica cost anymore, it won't be a budget item. We could use that $1500 and another $1000 and buy that bench before the August Encampment next year. I would recommend against this.

Commander Edward Norris: Dan.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray Department Treasurer. Right now, as the budget sits, if we add the $2500 to it, we have $8200 in our checking account and our projected income is $23,800. That is projected; that does not mean we are going to get it. We may get it, we may get a little more, but we also may get a little less. If you take that and you add the $2500 to the budget we've already got, if we approve everything that is left here, that will pretty much wipe out the checking account. That will leave about $1000 in our checking account by next year. So I am against the $2500 for the bench.

Brother Perley Mellor: Do we have any of that in patriotic, or we don't have a patriotic fund, any of the trust funds or anything like that?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: We could cash in on trust funds.

Brother Perley Mellor: I don't want to cash in any of the trust funds.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: The only way to do that would be to cash some of the CDs if we wanted more money.

Brother Perley Mellor: I don't want to cash any of the CDs. What about the Loring fund?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Except for the Loring all the rest of the CDs are in trust funds and we can't touch those. The only thing that would be left is the Loring fund which has about $22,000 in it. And then I would have to figure out when it is due for maturity. The Loring fund has $22,530 in the CD.

Brother Perley Mellor: I do not really want to cash a CD because its penalties are not worth it.

Commander Edward Norris: It is only paying 1%.

Brother Perley Mellor: Still it is not worth it to cash it early. No matter what you are getting for percentage it's not worth the penalty you are going to get.

Commander Edward Norris: Any further discussion on the expenditure of $2500 for the bench for the Stevenson Memorial Monument? We're going to take a vote; all in favor? Opposed? The motion fails. Any other discussion on the Good of the Order expenses? So we raise the $500, I believe, which puts it at $4350. All in favor of increasing the budget to $4350 for the Good of the Order expenses say aye. Any opposed? The motion passes.

Council Kevin Tucker: The next line item is the Lincoln Brunch expense. Fortunately or unfortunately the last two Lincoln brunches have been snowed out. So again as we look forward to next February's event, hopefully we have better weather and we project to keep the budget the same in case we actually have the Lincoln brunch.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussions? Yes, Al.

Patriotic Instructor Al Smith: Al Smith, Department Patriotic Instructor. I've had more than, well almost 40 years, of experience in putting together various functions, for the Civil War Roundtable movement and other historical groups. Now I'm starting to work with the Sons of Union Veterans. One of the things that I've seen in most recent years is there is an increase cost to obtaining the services of people who deal in history. More and more of the keynote speakers for the people wish to contribute in a function like the Lincoln Brunch or award dinners are requiring more money for their fees. What used to cost $50 or $100 for gas money, or just give me 100 bucks for my time, is now developing into they want $500, $600, $800 or a $1000 at a pop. As an example, my Civil War Roundtable in Boston for the last 35 or so years has sponsored a four day in May trip to various battlefields. The one that is scheduled for May is to Richmond, Appomattox and Petersburg. The fee alone for the tour guide is $500 a day plus the room plus his food, plus all of his other expenses. This gets passed on to the people who take the trip. This is a person that we are hiring for 2+ days. I had originally thought that we could take an airplane trip to Richmond and therefore lengthen the amount of time that we could utilize to see the various sites in and around Richmond. That would've caused us to increase the payment to the tour guide for another $1000, or in other words we would have to pay him $2000, plus his food, plus his hotel and whatever various expenses. So what I am asking is in this motion that the $500 Lincoln Brunch,

that I know will cost more money to bring the academia to the lunch to be our speakers, because in recent years we've had many college professors, people with PhD's and these people have got to be paid for their expertise. So I am putting in a motion for the Lincoln Brunch budget amount of $500 to be increased to $750 or $1000. I am asking that the budget be allocated for $1000. That way we can bring in the best of the best for the Lincoln brunch plus whatever hotels now charge for the meal in case they increase their fees for the room. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Do I hear a second to increase the budget to $1000?

Unknown: Second

Commander Edward Norris: We have a second. Any discussion? Yes, Kevin.

Council Kevin Tucker: I actually have been putting the Lincoln Brunch together, and the first one was 1999. The idea of going to brunch was always to celebrate the life of Abraham Lincoln and for the last probably eight years we have brought in an author of a new book either on Lincoln or the Civil War. For the most part those people, for far less than academia, will come because they are pushing a book and so you generally get them. I have never spent more than $300 on anybody. So that cost, along with we would usually buy a little gift for that person, which is another $50 and then a cake. The idea is not for us to be entertained, it is for us to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's life and we can do a lot of that ourselves. So I don't see us buying that kind of entertainment. I would say the $500 is pretty fair and people pay for their own meals. The ancillary costs the Department appropriates cover fine. I think if you look back at the last few times that we have had the Lincoln Brunch, which was a couple of years ago, we spend less than the $500. I would vote against increasing this. It's nice to say I like this so here's all the money but realistically we have been fine with the $500. We are able to pull it off, for those of you that have attended, we pull off some pretty good events.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any other discussion on the $1000 proposal? All right, all in favor? Those opposed? Okay, it fails. All in favor of a $500 budget for the Lincoln brunch? Opposed? It passes.

Council Kevin Tucker: The next line item is National Delegate Encampment travel. We budgeted $2700 last year; we spent $2611.52. We recommend $2700 for this coming year.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion? All in favor? Any opposed? It passes for $2700.

Council Kevin Tucker: Remembrance Day Trip. Last year we budgeted $2500 and we spent $2471.12. We are again recommending that we budget $2500; we'll of course have a little bit above buffer now with the aforementioned $2100 cheaper bus than last year.

Commander Edward Norris: Is there any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? That passes.

Council Kevin Tucker: We have a new line item which is the 2017 National Encampment expenses. I know that we are not approved for the National Encampment, but in anticipation of getting approved we need to, as we found out last time, put a little bit away each year coming into the Encampment, which is 2017, so we only have this year and next year to put money away. So we recommend $3000 this year to be put aside. It will give us a total of $6000 to work with for National Encampment. That is really working capital to create, for those of you that were ever at one, the souvenirs, publishing, the T-shirts, the shirts, the medals; there's a lot of expenses, transportation expenses, we'll have to see what it comes to. I feel that $3000 a year for two years is a pretty good price. I don't think we'll spend all that but this gives us a little bit of a buffer coming into the National Encampment.

Commander Edward Norris: Any discussion of the $3000? Go ahead, Matt.

Brother Matthew Wallace-Gross: Matthew Wallace-Gross Camp 3188 Sons of Union Veterans, Department of Massachusetts. As far as the $3000 in a sentence going to those things like making medals and those sorts of things. Do you have more specifics we came up with that figure per se based on anything.

Council Kevin Tucker: Sure. We did the 2008 National Encampment and that was about what we put aside… $3000 a year for three years.(someone speaking in background). I am sorry; that was Perley Mellor who was Chairman of the National Encampment Committee and he says we put aside $12,000. So we had an additional year at that point. We do get a lot of it back.

Brother Matthew Wallace-Gross: Okay, just curious where you came up with that figure. Thank you.

Commander Edward Norris: Any other discussion? All right, all in favor of $3000 for the National Encampment? Any opposed? It passes. That is all the line items so we approved a budget of $28,400. Is there any other new business? Could the Senior Vice Commander please take my Chair. (Commander vacates his Chair and is addressing the Encampment).

Commander Edward Norris: Edward Norris Department Commander. I would like to bring up the bench again and not as part of the budget. So we have two options here, I want to make a motion that if we do not get awarded the 2017 National Encampment that the $2500 comes out of that or if the Loring fund matures this year, this fiscal year, that we cash it in without penalty, remove $2500 from it, purchase the bench and reinvest the remainder.

Unknown: I will second.

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Is there any discussion? Would you repeat your motion?

Commander Edward Norris: There are two options on this, if we do not get the 2017 National Encampment.

Council Kevin Tucker: Is it a budget item? Where are we putting this?

Commander Edward Norris: We didn't think it was a budget item; it's just a way to pay for it with existing money that we already have, outside of the budget I guess.

Council Kevin Tucker: Is this legal? It seems like we are going outside the budget process for this.

Commander Edward Norris: I don't know if it is correct.

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Council Kevin Tucker: I don't have a problem with anything you have said and I seconded your motion.

Commander Edward Norris: Do we reopen the budget?

Council Kevin Tucker: But how do you have a budget contingent on us not getting the National Encampment and/or the Loring fund. I would say that we would probably have to logically have those things happen before we could vote in this.

Commander Edward Norris: So if neither happens, hopefully we will get the Encampment, and if we don't mature this year, we don't purchase the bench.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Since the Department Council handles finances, what if the Department Council makes the choice.

Commander Edward Norris: We can give it back to them with a recommendation from the Department Encampment that this is their wishes.

Council Kevin Tucker: So do you withdraw that motion?

Commander Edward Norris: Only if the Department Council will consider that at the time. I withdraw my motion. So there is no discussion. (Commander takes Chair) Yes, Dan.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I would like to make a motion that the Department Council, if the National Encampment does not get held in Massachusetts in 2017, is authorized to expend the $2500 for the bench, or if the Loring fund matures.

Council Kevin Tucker: Point of order I don't think you can make a motion for a recommendation, right?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Technically the Council can't routinely spend money between Encampments unless we are authorizing them to spend it, so we authorize the Council to do it on their vote.

Commander Edward Norris: Council can authorize expenditures that were not in the budget.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Unless you have a better idea, I'm all for it.

Commander Edward Norris: Can we have a second on this so we can discuss it?

Council Kevin Tucker: So what we're really talking about is reallocating money, because you already passed the budget and you have $3000 sitting there. So you're talking about reallocating that on a contingency. I think that is the job of the Council right there. I don't think you have to do anything else. This body can recommend that the Council do that and I don't think you need a motion.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Then I'll withdraw the motion.

Commander Edward Norris: I was just trying to get Council to understand that the Encampment would like this to happen. So we don't need a motion but we have it in the minutes, we will drop that. Any other new business?

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Conley Ford Junior Vice Commander. Regarding the $2100, or rather the $2500 matter, this body only meets once here at Encampment and we need a vote from the membership, I would think, authorizing the Council to expend the funds. So we need a motion authorizing the Council to consider this. The Council can act any time in any regular meeting but this is the only time once a year that we get together for the vote so we need to make sure that we have it in the form of a motion to be locked right into it.

Commander Edward Norris: We've already turned it down so at this point it's a reallocation. I also think that Kevin is Chairman of the Department Council and he understands the By-Laws as much as we do. I think we can go on his recommendation

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: Thank you. It will happen but it will not be from the vote of the membership; it will be a vote of the Council. That could happen for any expenditure; $10,000 if we wanted to. This is the discussion part. I know we took the vote, that's why I'm still up here.

Commander Edward Norris: Okay, Conley, let's move on. Any other new business? Okay, why don't we do nominations of Officers in case there any contested positions and we will take a break after that. We will make sure everybody is in the room for the vote.

Commander Edward Norris: Why don't we start with are there any nominations for Department Commander? Kevin.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Past Department Commander. As you all know, a lot of the discussion today is centered around the good work that Dexter Bishop has been doing for a long time in this organization and the Roundtable at the Lynn GAR Hall and at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. Dexter devotes a great deal of his time more, than any of us, to the cause that is near and dear to our heart. In addition to that, he started a Camp at the Chelsea Soldiers Home and they were having monthly activities before there was a Camp. It has been a source of pride to me to participate in the Christmas party that he throws for the disabled Veterans at the Soldiers Home. He has done a great job as Junior Vice Commander; he was our Chaplain; as you can tell he is quite versed about our budget, about our By-Laws and deserving of the award that the Commander gave him today. It is my pleasure to nominate Brother Dexter Bishop for Department Commander.

Commander Edward Norris: Dexter, if elected would you serve?

Senior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes, I would.

Commander Edward Norris: Any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations for Department Commander are closed. Can I get a motion that we will have the Secretary cast one vote for all uncontested positions?

Unknown: So made.

Commander Edward Norris: Can I have a second on that?

Unknown: Second.

Commander Edward Norris: All in favor? Opposed? All right, that passes. Congratulations Dexter. Nominations for Senior Vice Commander? Kevin.

Council Kevin Tucker: It has been a few years since Conley Ford started Camp 3188 and the American Legion in Scituate. Both of those things are his doing. He found the GAR Hall and they got it restored. He was going to do something with it and he did a great job. As you can tell, he's got great ideas on recruiting and he's not afraid to be bold with that. That is probably what we need. Aggressive recruiting is what we really need. I would nominate Conley Ford for Senior Vice Commander.

Commander Edward Norris: Conley, if elected would you serve?

Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford: I will.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed for Senior Vice Commander. Congratulations Conley. Are there any nominations for Junior Vice Commander?

Brother George Maple: George Maple, Past Department Commander. I would like to nominate someone from my Camp who has worked tirelessly recruiting, as indicated as being the only one sending receipts for. He has been Commander of Camp 25; he has been the Department of Massachusetts Patriotic Instructor, the Recruiter and Eagle Scout Coordinator, Chip Chambers from Camp 25.

Commander Edward Norris: Chip, if elected would you serve?

Brother Stuart Chambers: Yes.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any other nominations for Junior Vice Commander? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed for Junior Vice Commander. Congratulations Chip. Are there any nominations for Department Secretary? Yes, Kevin.

Council Kevin Tucker: As all of us know, Dan Murray has done a great job as Secretary and Treasurer. He certainly knows the requirements for the job in the CR&R far better than any of us here do. He has been a Past Department Commander; he has just brought his Past Camp Commander back to Massachusetts; he works tirelessly in both Departments and we are lucky to have him. I would like to nominate Dan Murray for Secretary/Treasurer.

Commander Edward Norris: Dan, if elected would you serve?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I will.

Commander Edward Norris: Any other nominations for Department Secretary/Treasurer? Any other nominations for Department Secretary/Treasurer? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed for Department Secretary/Treasurer. We will have nominations for Department Council, up to two. Yes, Dan.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: I would like to nominate someone who is a Past Department Commander who has helped to bring the National Encampment at least once to Massachusetts. He is on the committee to do it again; he has done the Lincoln Brunch for the last 16 years. I can go on and on about all the things he has done for this Department and I would like to nominate Kevin Tucker for Department Council.

Commander Edward Norris: Kevin, if elected would you serve?

Council Kevin Tucker: Yes.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any other nominations for Department Council? Are there any other nominations for Department Council?

Council Kevin Tucker: There are supposed to be two.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: The other one I would like to nominate is soon to become the Past Department Commander; he has been on the National Council of Administration for the last two years, he goes to almost every National Encampment, he has done a lot for this Department. He was a treasurer at one time and I would like to nominate Edward Norris for Council.

Commander Edward Norris: I will serve if elected. Are there any other nominations for Department Council? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Nominations are closed for Department Council. Kevin and I will be on the new Council. That takes care of the Department elected positions. We have eight delegates, I believe. Dan has a list, so let's go through those eight and see if they accept.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Conley Ford, Kenneth London, Allerton Bonnie, Stuart Chambers, Charles Lewis, Donald Hayes, Stephen Twining and Albert Smith. Next

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any other nominations for Delegate? Is there anyone else going that we didn't name? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Any other nominations? Nominations are closed for Department Delegates. So now we need Alternates. Would someone want to make a motion for our Alternates?

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Daniel Murray, Department Secretary/Treasurer. I would like to nominate all current members of the Department as of this date as being able to serve as Alternates for the National Encampment.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Edward Norris: Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Everyone else is an Alternate. Let's take a break and reconvene at three and we will have installation of Officers and wind this thing up

(Meeting recess until 3PM)

Commander Edward Norris: We can move on to installation of Officers. I'm going to turn this over to our National Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

National Junior Vice Commander in Chief Donald Martin: Commander Norris, in relieving you of command of the Department, on behalf of the Officers I convey to you their thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of this Department your interest in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow Brothers can confer upon you, your continued commitment will point the way for others who will serve the Order. Please be seated. Commander-elect are you prepared to announce your staff appointments.

Commander-elect Dexter Bishop: Yes, I am

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Donald Martin: If you have not done so already, would you please hand your list to the Secretary. Secretary, please call the roll call of the elected Officers and staff appointees who, as their names are called, will rise.

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray: Dexter A. Bishop Department Commander, Conley W Ford Senior Vice Commander , Stuart Chambers Junior Vice Commander, Kevin P Tucker Council, Edward Norris Council, George Maple Council, Albert Smith Patriotic Instructor, Fr. Peter Preble Chaplain, Stephen Twining Graves Registration Officer, Counsel Kevin Tucker, George Maple GAR Highway officer, and Charles Lewis Guide.

National Junior Vice Commander in Chief Donald Martin: Brothers, these are your regularly chosen Officers for the next term. If any Brother has a valid reason why any of them should not be installed let him speak now or forever hold his peace.

Officers installed in due form by National Junior Vice Commander in Chief Donald Martin.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Is there any Good of the Order?

Brother Edward Norris: Ed Norris Past Department Commander. I just want to remind everybody on the third weekend of July we'll have our annual NERA meeting at Weirs Beach and I hope you can all make it up there. We're trying to change how NERA works a little bit, I could not make the last meeting but I've heard there was significant changes being proposed so it is important to come up and have your voice heard. That's all I have, thank you.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. Is there anybody else? Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Past Department Commander. I just want to remind everybody of a few upcoming events. First, again tomorrow in Charlestown beginning at the Legion Hall across the training field just below the Bunker Hill Monument there's going to be the Civil War Remembrance Day for Charlestown. I have about six members so far going and if any of you would like to attend we love to have you. It's going to start at 2 PM and involve the Navy from the USS Constitution. This will

be a necrology of the soldiers that lost their lives during the Civil War and then we go over to the training field and have a GAR style memorial service at the monument. If any of you need directions or are planning on going let me know and I will give you directions. There is a collation afterwards. This is Dexter's first official event as Commander so it would be a nice way to start off.
As everyone knows, Camp 5 has their pre-Memorial Day event; it is the Wednesday before Memorial Day at Pine Grove Cemetery. There was a little bit of a mention of it before but high school students from the high schools in Lynn come down and flag all the veterans' graves. It is really nice as many of you may know most of the people in Lynn are immigrants and they come to this old cemetery and flag not only the graves of Civil War veterans and then they generally stick around while we do our ceremony at the GAR plot. It is at 6:30 PM the Wednesday before Memorial Day. You're certainly welcome to attend and to participate if you are in uniform. The Sunday before Memorial Day would be at Bourne National Cemetery, the only National Cemetery in New England. We will join with the other veterans' organizations to place a wreath as part of the ceremony. Either the Coast Guard or the Army or both will be there firing off the cannon and flying by with the helicopters. Then as always we separate from that group and go to the graves of the unknown soldiers, the seven unknown soldiers that are buried there and we do our traditional ceremony at their graves also. That event has dwindled in the last few years, and I'm not sure why, so if you can make it we certainly need you there in uniform if possible and marching in with Dexter leading the way. If you haven't been there before, the cemetery is lined, the driveway is lined with flags that were taken from the coffins of soldiers who were buried there. You come into the main area, there are bands and spectators and usually somebody, some VIP, that usually gives the speech every year. It is a really great event and the most important for us is that the Commander gets to read General Order 11 to open the ceremony. So please try to make it if you can. I think that is it.

Commander Dexter Bishop: Thank you. During the week after Memorial Day, for the Lynn sesquicentennial event, we will be in the schools during the day and then on Friday night at 6:30 PM we will be at the Masonic Hall having a dinner and having presentations by President Lincoln, General Grant and General Lee. Then all day Saturday we will be on the Commons; starting at 9 AM is when they fire the first time, wake up the neighbors, set off the car alarms and all that good stuff. Last year we only had one person come out and in order us off the Common. They will be there all day as you have heard. There will be the Salem Zouaves, a contingent of the Civil War Navy and Marines, the Sixth Maine with their 10 pound Parrott which I will be firing every hour or hour and a half all day Saturday and most likely half of a day on Sunday. And then that's it for the year. Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: Don't we have a rededication?

Commander Dexter Bishop: Yes.

Council Kevin Tucker: Is that on Saturday?

Commander Dexter Bishop: On Sunday there is a rededication at the St. Stephens Memorial Church for Col. Mudge who was killed at Gettysburg. It is interesting that the church itself was built as a memorial to Col. Mudge and is buried in the back. The church was built around it. We go in there Sunday morning and do a short service. On Saturday we have the fabulous beans as mentioned earlier with Kevin doing the cooking. His wife makes the desserts and everything gets eaten. There is a great time and the Mayor most likely will be there to make the presentation of the bounty to the particular high school that wins the History Bee. It is just a fantastic program; we get a lot of support from the Mayor's office, the police department, the fire department for all of the different programs we have to do.

Council Kevin Tucker: I just want to mention that although my beans are fabulous the best part of that night is that you get to tour the GAR Hall. So if you haven't been, or even if you have been, it is still worth a look. It was one of the richest GAR Halls in the country and has been perfectly preserved. You will be astounded at what it looks like in person. It is well worth coming to the bean supper just for the guided tour of the GAR Hall. You will be amazed at what you see.

Commander Dexter Bishop: In 1890 the assets of General Lander Post 5 was $90,000. That will give you an idea of the amount of money that they had. They got that $90,000 by running an illegal lottery nationwide. They even got arrested and put in jail for it. After a day or so in jail, on a promise of not to do it again, they were let go and all charges were dropped. They were also allowed to keep all their money. So they had a lot of power and clout in Lynn. In the records of this place it just goes on and on and on the things that they did. The big point that we sometimes lose sight of when we are called to do the same and that is we are called to take care of our own. Every penny that they amassed, if you read the records, you can see that they gave it out to this veteran and the widow of a veteran and on a monthly basis there were some veterans who could not work, losing a leg or arm or something and they put up money every single month to take care of these people, and to me that is what we are called to do. We are called to work at it to keep this particular thought alive and well because it is so quick and easy for everybody in this world to forget. But that is what our job is to be and that is what we are going to have to do. There are 1242 photographs of the old GAR members that line the walls. Anyway, I guess it is time to say goodbye. Is there any other business? There being no further business to come before this Encampment we will proceed to close. We will give attention to the Chaplain who is asking the blessing of God on our deliberations

Chaplain Peter Preble: Our Father in Heaven, we pray that you will deal with the events of this meeting as you deem proper and fitting. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in Your perfect will, preserve us in health strength and integrity while we remain here and when our mission on earth is ended take us to a better world. Amen

Commander Dexter Bishop: Brothers, we are about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and

credit upon this great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties and exhibit toward each other an unbroken fraternity, a tender charity, and it and unswerving loyalty. Color Bearer, attend to the altar and stations. I now declare this 133rd Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed.

Meeting Closed at 3:40PM

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ROLL CALL

Commander	Edward J Norris	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Dexter A Bishop	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Conley W Ford	Present
Council 1	Peter N Rotando	Absent
Council 2	Kevin P Tucker	Present
Council 3	George E Maple	Present
Secretary/ Treasurer	Daniel W Murray	Present
Patriotic Instructor	Albert Smith	Present
Chaplain	Peter Preble	Present
Historian	George Kane	Absent
Color Bearer	vacant	
Guard	vacant	
Guide	vacant	
Counselor	Kevin P Tucker	Present
Civil War Memorial Officer	Reynaldo Rodriguez	Absent
Graves Registration Officer	Stephen J Twining	Present
Eagle Scout Award Officer	Timothy T Callahan	Absent
ROTC Officer	Vacant	
GAR Highway Officer	Robert S Borden	Absent
Department Organizer	Stuart H Chambers	Present
Signals Officer	Jack T Manning	Absent
Newsletter Editor	Reynaldo Rodriguez	Absent

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers

Form 49 – Rev. November 2011

(Send to National Headquarters at SUVCW National HQ, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (Nat'l Civil War Museum Bldg.), Harrisburg PA 17103-2411, within 30 days of installation of Officers – Retain duplicate for Department Records)

From the Department of Massachusetts EIN 04-6050537 to National Executive Director, National Headquarters.

At the Annual Encampment of this Department held at (location) Boxborough, Massachusetts

On the 25th day of April, 2015 the following Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, appointed, and installed:

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Name (First, Middle, Last)	Street/PO Box	City	State	Zip Code	Phone	E-Mail
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Junior Vice Commander: Stuart Chambers	168 Newbury Street	Framingham	MA	01701	508-872-3163	chipsravensnest@yahoo.com
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Council Member 3: George E. Maple Jr.	50 Vernon Street	Worcester	MA	01610	508-410-5448	gmaplejr@gmail.com
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Chaplain: Fr. Peter Preble	POB 823	Southbridge	MA	01550	1-508-864-8095	ppreble@charter.net
Graves Registration Officer: Stephen Twining	70 Saw Mill Pond Road	Fitchburg	MA	01420	978-515-0074	suvcw1@gmail.com
Historian: George Kane	123 Springfield Street	Chicopee	MA	01013	413-592-2166	gkane217@live.com
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Office:						

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Attach additional sheet, if necessary.)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Conley W. Ford	Scituate	MA	02066	Stephen J. Twining	Fitchburg	MA	01420
Kenneth London	Braintree	MA	02184	Albert Smithj	Belmont	MA	02478
Allerton L. Bonney	Scituate	MA	02066				
Stuart H. Chambers	Framingham	MA	01701				
Charles W. Lewis	Chelsea	MA	02150				
Donald Hayes		MA					

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The following Past Department Commanders are in good standing and are entitled to attend the Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (*Do NOT include deceased.*)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Robert H. Knight	Feeding Hills	MA	01030				
John W. Bates III	Melrose	MA	02176				
Perley E. Mellor	Nashua	NH	03062				
Kevin P. Tucker	Wakefield	MA	01880				
George E. Maple Jr.	Worcester	MA	01610				
Edward J. Norris	Lancaster	MA	01523				

SIGNATURE OF INSTALLING OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date:	Installing Officer:	Department Secretary:	Department Commander:	National Executive Director:
25 Apr 2015	Donald L. Martin			
	Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature
Printed Name:	Donald L. Martin	DANIEL W MURRAY	Dexter A. Bishop	

Date received at National Headquarters: _____

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The 133rd Annual Department Encampment was called to order at 9:31AM.

Roll call of Department Officers was done.

Appointment of Committees – Resolutions: Brothers Donald Hayes, Richard Nichols, and George Maple. Brother Kevin Tucker is appointed to the Fraternal Relations committee to bring greetings to the Auxiliary. There are no bylaws changes so no committee is appointed.

Report of Department Officers

Greetings from the Department of Connecticut are brought by the Department SVC Stephen Twining.

Camp reports given by representatives of Camps 5,22,25,61,104, and 3188.

Awards for service to the Department are given by Commander Norris.

Proceedings for last year are passed out. Those Camps not at Encampment will have them mailed.

There is no unfinished business.

Two visitors introduced, Tyler and TJ who are the nephews of Brother Charles Lewis.

Recess for lunch

Under new business the Past Camp Commanders honors were transferred to Camp 104 for Brother Daniel Murray.

Camp Commander Gross reported on Camp 3188.

The Department is bidding on the 2017 National Encampment. If awarded it will be at the Sheraton Framingham. A committee was appointed.

The budget was discussed and voted on. A $28,400.00 was passed.

Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers. Officers were installed by National Junior Vice Commander in Chief Donald Martin.

Good of the Order

Meeting closed at 3:40PM

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel Murray, Secretary

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Department Order #1
SERIES 2014-2015
14 April 2014

1. L. A. Tifft Camp 15 has filed a completed Form 22 with Department Headquarters. As such, the suspension of their charter has been lifted and the Camp is hereby reinstated to good standing with the Department of Massachusetts.

2. All Camps must have their Camp Annual Report, Camp Roster, and Annual Per Capita Dues sent to the Department Secretary/Treasurer no later than April 30, 2014. Any Camp that does not meet this deadline will be suspended.

Ordered this 14th Day of April, 2014
Edward J. Norris, Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:
Daniel Murray, Secretary/Treasurer
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Department Order #2
SERIES 2014-2014
27 May 2014

I. I want to thank all of the Brothers who participated in the Memorial Day services this year. The Department again participated in the services at Bourne National Cemetery and, via Facebook; I saw many postings of Brothers participating in local events.

II. As I walked through the cemeteries and looked at photographs I witnessed Civil War veterans without flag holders. If the cemetery allows the replacement of flag holders and cemetery isn't known for the theft of the flag holders, every Civil War veteran should have one at his grave.

III. For the past 10 years the Department of Massachusetts has been purchasing flag holders for our ancestors. We currently have an unused stock pile of flag holders which we need our Brothers to place upon the veterans' grave.

IV. We have budget to purchase an additional 164 flag holders, but before we order these I need the Camps to request and place our current inventory. As General John A. Logan wrote in his General Orders No. 11, 1868: "… let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor.

V. Please contact the Department Grave Registration Officer Stephen Twining at suvcw1@gmail.com or 978-502-4423 and request flag holders for the cemeteries in your area.

Ordered this 27th Day of May, 2014

Edward J. Norris, Commander
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Daniel Murray, Secretary/Treasurer
Department of Massachusetts
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

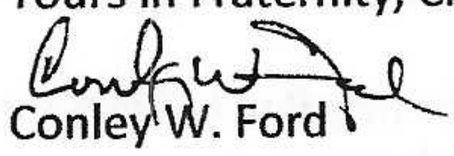
Report of Junior Vice Commander

In the past year it has been my privilege to serve as Junior Vice Commander for the Department. As Junior Vice Commander I served as a delegate to the National Encampment. Attended all department and camp officer meetings.

Also:

- Participated in four camp officer installation's providing photo coverage for these events coupled with talking to brothers on membership recruiting.
- Participated in ceremonial activities on Remembrance Day in Gettysburg.
- Participated in Scituate Memorial Day Parade, Scituate Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Scituate Veterans Day Wreath Laying activities.
- Assigned 3 new members forwarded from National to camps.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty



Conley W. Ford

JVC, Dept. of Mass, SUVCW

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Department of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

April 25th, 2015

Brothers:

Over the past several years, the Department has done a commendable job in anticipating expenses and budgeting funds for its operation. It is seldom that the Council is called upon to make interim allocation decisions. This year, we received only one such request.

SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS:

The Council received a request from the Brother Daniel Murray on December 8th, 2014, asking that $700 be allocated from the 2014-2015 budget to be used as a deposit for bus service to 2015's Annual Remembrance Day trip, which would normally have come from the 2015-2016 budget.

Brother Murray, who organizes the Remembrance Day trips on behalf of the Department, located a bus company that quoted a price which was $2100 less than the price that we have been paying over the past few years, for the trip to Gettysburg. However, this new bus company required a $700 deposit, and it had to be received by them before the end of the year.

Since this request took place after the 2014 Remembrance Day trip in November, the 2014-2015 budgeted funds were already spent. Brother Murray requested a special allocation, in order to take advantage of the $2100 savings.

The Council approved the reallocation of $700 for the deposit, with the stipulation that the contract state that the deposit is fully refundable if the bus company has any issues providing service.

At the time of the trip, the $700 deposit will be combined with budgeted funds to pay for the bus in 2015, with the $700 "left over" paid forward as a deposit on the 2016 Remembrance Day trip.

FINANCIAL AUDIT:

In accordance with our Department By-Laws, one of the Department Council's duties is to perform and annual audit of the Department's financial records for the fiscal year prior to the Department Encampment.

To this end, I met with Department Treasurer Dan Murray on April 9th, 2015, in Salisbury, MA, and conducted an audit of the Department finances.

I found that the records were being properly stored and filed in order to facilitate retrieval, if necessary.

I reviewed each of the accounts the Department keeps with financial institutions, including checking, Wells Fargo investments, Mayflower CDs and the cash on hand. All were in good order, with balanced monthly statements where applicable, and detailed transaction records.

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Brother Murray uses QuickBooks software, which eliminates math mistakes, so computations were not an issue in determining account balances. I verified that all items are being posted properly and in a timely manner, in the General Ledger.

I reviewed all receipts, and checks issued, against the bank statements and GL. I found that all were in order.

I did inquire with Brother Murray as to the control policies on Department accounts, and determined that both Treasurer Murray and Commander Norris are, in fact, signatories on all accounts. This results from both being Department Treasurers, current and prior.

AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Council recommends that both the Department Treasurer and Department Commander be signatories on all accounts going forward. As a back up to the Department Treasurer, the Department Commander should have the ability to access all accounts, in case the Treasurer is unable to perform his duties.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS:

Finally, in accordance with the Department By-Laws, and with forecasted revenues from the Department Treasurer and recommendations of Department officers at a Department Officers meeting held on March 8th, 2015, the Council has prepared a recommended budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, (attached) which we present to the Encampment for their edification and approval.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, Chairman
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Not having received all of the Camp Installation Reports which include rosters, but as best I can count, we have 173 Brothers which will entitle us to 8 Delegates at National Encampment. The breakdown for Delegates to Department Encampment, between all the Camps we are entitled to 10 Camp Commanders, 19 Past Camp Commanders, 27 Delegates, for a total of 56. We also have 5 Past Department Commanders and 7 Department Officers. If each one only held one office we did have a possible delegate count of 68 for Department Encampment. The Annual Reports are due at the end of this month, which is April 30. So far I have received following Camp's: Camp 104, Camp 50, Camp 15 and Camp 22. The other 6 Camps haven't sent theirs in yet. That is all for the Secretary's report.

The Treasurer's report for the Department of Massachusetts as of 31 March 2015, the General Fund has $8225.92, which is our checking account. We have a Replica Flag fund which is a savings account that has $5871.73 in it. The Permanent Fund, which is our Wells Fargo account $611,460.78 and we have GAR Trusts and there are 5 of them. We also have another trust called the Loring Fund. We also have 3 CDs at Mayflower Bank which are a part of the Permanent Fund and those total up to $225,302.11. That includes the General Fund and the Flag Fund and you take that out we have $211,294.46 in the trusts and CDs. That brings us to a grand total of $745,607.10. The Wells Fargo report is available to read at Encampment,please come up during any break and you may read through it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel W Murray, Sec/Treas
Department of Massachusetts

Department of Massachusetts

Annual Treasurer's Report

Financial Report for

April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015

Summary

General Fund	$8,225.92
Replica Flag Fund	$5,871.73
Permanent Fund	$611,460.78
GAR Massachusetts Trusts and CD's	$211,294.46
Total	**$745,607.10**

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Account	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
General Fund	8,225.92
Return of Flags Fund	5,871.73
Charles F. Ellis Fund	17,283.61
Arnold William Coppenhagen Fund	47,070.27
Margaretha Myers Fund	14,070.76
Robert and Ethel Wood Fund	27,044.52
George C Marshall Fund	13,993.34
Loring Fund	22,530.92
Permanent Fund – 1361 Mayflower CD	28,790.85
Permanent Fund - 6664 Mayflower CD	9,122.52
Permanent Fund – 8241 Mayflower CD	31,387.67
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	**225,392.11**
Investments	
Permanent Fund – Wells Fargo Advisors	611,460.78
TOTAL investments	**611,460.78**
TOTAL ASSETS	**836,852.89**
LIABILITIES	**0.00**
OVERALL TOTAL	**836,852.89**

Department Signal Officers Report.

Department Website:

I have attached the statistics from the Department Website.

We need to keep the contact information current as well as the calendar. I suggest we make our Meeting schedule a year in advance and post on the site.

Camp Updates are critical for people to contact Camp Commanders, etc.

Facebook Page:

As of today we have 987 Likes.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Jack Manning

Signals Officer

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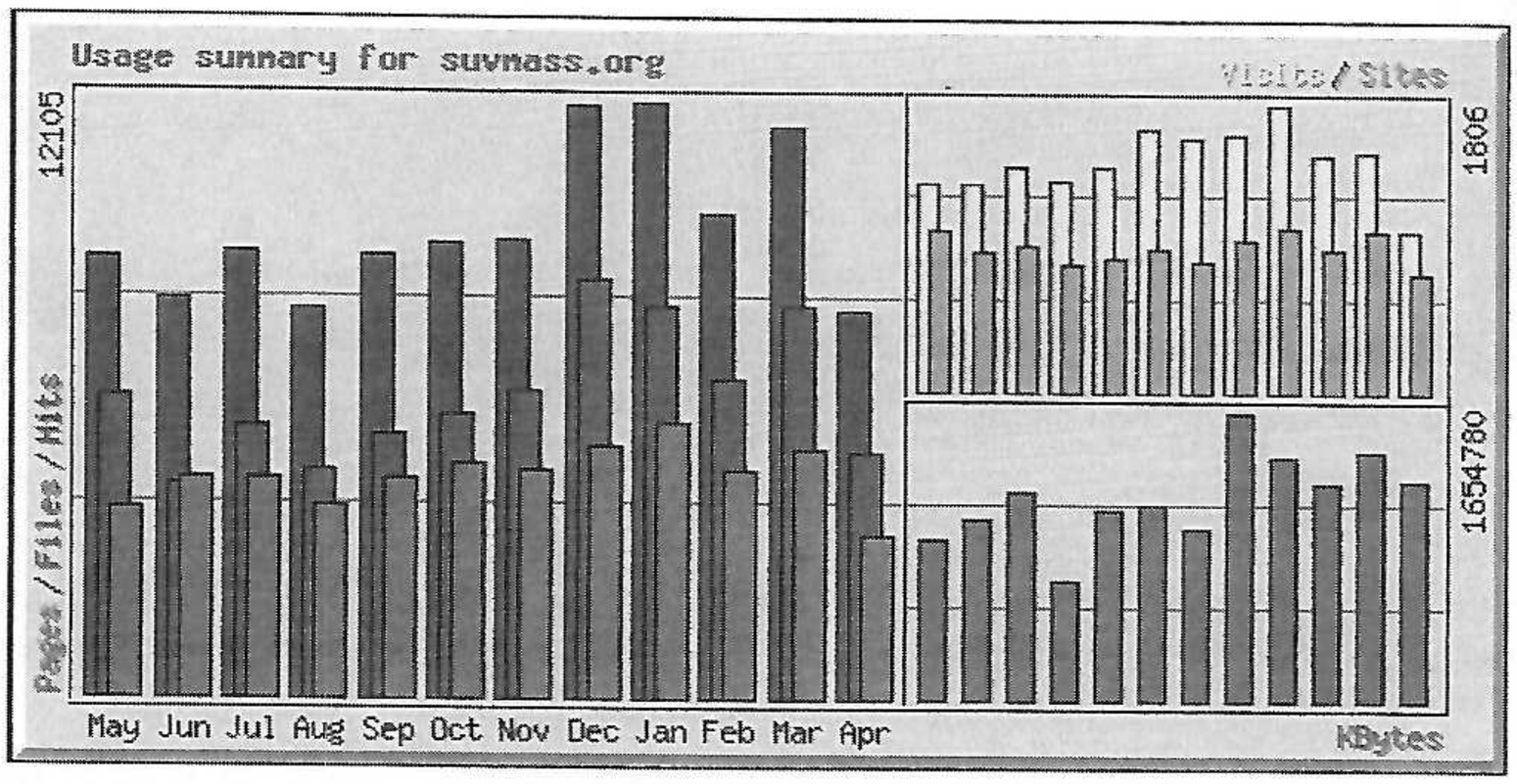

Summary by Month

Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Apr 2015	340	216	144	43	751	1262720	996	3332	4983	7821
Mar 2015	373	256	162	48	1000	1431579	1508	5029	7947	11577
Feb 2015	350	231	164	52	891	1240862	1477	4595	6481	9825
Jan 2015	390	256	179	58	1019	1388882	1806	5553	7961	12105
Dec 2014	387	273	163	52	952	1654780	1614	5083	8483	12019
Nov 2014	309	207	154	52	815	988545	1585	4638	6216	9298
Oct 2014	296	186	152	53	894	1122185	1645	4726	5772	9184
Sep 2014	299	177	147	47	841	1082739	1416	4424	5328	8997
Aug 2014	255	148	126	42	798	681139	1320	3908	4599	7926
Jul 2014	291	178	143	45	919	1196268	1412	4463	5521	9038
Jun 2014	269	143	148	43	868	1038820	1295	4445	4299	8099
May 2014	287	196	124	41	997	920485	1301	3856	6103	8902
Totals						**14009004**	**17375**	**54052**	**73693**	**114791**

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Commander's Letter
Annual Report for 2015

The day after our Installation of Officers in January, 2014 our Commander was hospitalized with a serious illness. It took months for him to recover his strength and energy so camp activities were suspended until November when the election of officers took place.

In April, Commander Hayes did provide an education program for students in Lisbon, NH which he has done with two friends for several years.

Brother Stephen Twining continues his efforts in the ~~Framingham~~ Fitchburg area in favor of the SUVCW. The names of ~~64~~ 68 nurses have been added to the Clara Barton memorial there. He also participated in the 150th Ceremonies at the Fitchburg Civil War Memorial.
Our schedule for this year is as follows:

Meeting Schedule:
Sun. January 25, 2015 - 3PM at Bickford's Family Restaurant, 325 Montvale Ave, Woburn, MA, Installation of Officers. Please mark your calendars for this event.
May 17, 2015—Field trip to the Springfield Armory. We will car pool whenever possible.
Weekday, August, 2015—Lynn, MA GAR building. Only open weekdays.
Sun. November 15, 2015—volunteer host needed, election of officers, recognition of Veterans

Yours in Faith, Loyalty, and Charity,

Donald P Hayes Jr

Don Hayes
Commander

Officers: *Commander, Donald Hayes; Sr. Vice Commander, Henry McCarl; Jr. Vice Commander, David Getchell; Secretary, Wesley Babbitt; Treasurer, Stephen Twining; Chaplain, Paul Husted; Patriotic Instructor, Arthur Hurley; Council, Harvey Berger, Eugene Flynn, L. O'Connell. Volunteering for appointment were: Webmaster, David*

Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104

Report

4/24/2015

The members of Charles H. Bond Camp No. 104 had a busy year; some of the highlights include participating in....

- Rededication of the Civil War Monument in Braintree.
- Memorial Services for:
  - -PDC, Frank Tucker at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody
  - - Charles H. Bond –for whom our Camp is named at Mt Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
  - -Sgt. Charles F. Ferguson, who was killed at Gettysburg, at Central Cemetery in Beverly- which of this ceremony has gotten a great deal of play on Beverly Public Access TV

- Wakefield Heritage Day, a living history exhibit and info/recruiting table
- Flagged 267 graves for Memorial Day in Wakefield cemeteries
- Registered a total of 292 CW Veteran's graves onto the SUVCW database
- Canvassed cemeteries in Beverly and Essex (among others) in search of gravesites of potential veterans to be researched and registered
- Attending and participating in various Department and National events

- Mourned the loss of Brother Brian Caputo from our Camp

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Naughton

Bill Naughton
Camp Commander

2015 ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
& AUXILIARY
AT THE
HOLIDAY INN BOXBOROUGH
242 ADAMS PLACE, BOXBOROUGH, MA
FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH & SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2015

ENCAMPMENTS EVENTS WILL INCLUDE:

REGISTRATION

Registration will begin on Saturday morning at 8AM. Registration will be $5.00 per Brother.

DEPARTMENT CAMPFIRE

The Encampment will kick off with our annual Department Campfire at 7:00 PM, on Friday, April 24th. Refreshments will be served.

Featured Entertainment: *A presentation by Chuck Veit, President of the Navy and Marines Living History Association.*

JOINT OPENING and MEMORIAL SERVICE

The S.U.V.C.W. and A.S.U.V.C.W. will hold its annual Joint Opening and Memorial Service on Saturday, April 25th, at 8:30 AM

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The first business session will be held immediately following the Memorial Service and will continue until 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 25th. The second business session will be held from 1:30 PM until 5:00 PM, or at the conclusion of the Installation of Department Officers.

ENCAMPMENT LUNCHEON

The Encampment Luncheon will be held at 11:30 AM on Saturday, April 25th, and will feature a delicious cold cut buffet lunch. Tickets are $15.00 per person.

ENCAMPMENT BANQUET

The annual Encampment Banquet will be held from 7:00 PM until 9:30 PM on Saturday evening, April 25th. Tickets for the Banquet are $25.00 per person.

SAVE $5

SPECIAL ENCAMPMENT PACKAGE!

REGISTRATION, LUNCHEON AND BANQUET ONLY $40!

DISCOUNTED LODGING

The HOLIDAY INN BOXBOROUGH is offering a special $98.00 per room/per night (plus tax) rate for S.U.V.C.W. & Auxiliary Members.
Hotel Reservations: (978) 263-8701
or on the internet at: http://www.holidayinn.com/boxborough
Mention user code "SVC" to get the discounted room rate.

IMPORTANT: Reservations must be received by Holiday Inn Boxborough, by April 3, 2015, in order for the hotel to guarantee the discounted rate and availability. Reservations made after this date are subject to availability.

133RD DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT REGISTRATION

Name	Camp No.	DC	PC-in-C	DO	PDC	CC	PCC	Del	Alt
1. Bishop, Dexter	22			X					
2. Chambers, Stuart	25						X		
3. Dupree, John	25					X			
4. Ford, Conley	3188			X					
5. Hayes, Donald	61					X			
6. Lewis, Charles	22					X			
7. London, Kenneth	104							X	
8. Martin, Donald	Nat'l Rep								
9. Mellor, Perley	25		X						
10. Murray, Daniel	104			X					
11. Naughton, William	104					X			
12. Nichols, Richard	104							X	
13. Norris, Edward	25	X							
14. Smith, Albert	5							X	
15. Steiner, John	104							X	
16. Tucker, Kevin	104			X					
17. Bonney, Al	3188							X	
18. Gibney, John	5							X	
19. Matthias, Robert	5							X	
20. Maple, George	25				X				
21. Preble, Peter	25							X	
22. Twining, Stephen	61						X		
23. Wallace-Gross, Mathew	3188					X			
24.									
25.									
26.									
27.									
28.									
29.									

133RD DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT BANQUET

Name	Camp No.	Auxiliary	Lunch	Turkey	Haddock
Bishop, Dexter	22		1	1	0
Bonney, Al	3188		1	0	0
Bonney, Dee	Aux will pay	X	1	0	0
Chambers, Stuart	25		1	1	0
Crawford, Tom	Speaker		0	1	0
Dupree, John	25		1	0	1
Ford, Conley	3188		2	0	2
Frail, Anna		X	1	0	0
Frail, Bruce	DC, RI		2	0	0
Hayes, Donald	61		1	0	1
Hosking, Jennifer		X	1	0	0
Lewis, Charles	22		1	0	1
London, Kenneth	104		2	1	1
Maple, George	25		1		
Martin, Donald	Nat'l Rep	Comp	1	1	0
Mellor, Diane		X	1	0	1
Mellor, Perley	25		1	1	0
Mellor, Veronica		X	1	1	0
Murray, Daniel	104		2	1	1
Nichols, Richard	104		0	1	
Norris, Edward	25		1	2	0
Rutter, George	104		0	1	0
Smith, Albert	5		1	1	0
Steiner, John	104		1	0	0
Tucker, Kevin	104		1	1	0
Gibney, John	5		1		
Matthias, Robert	5		1		
Preble, Peter	25		1		
Twining, Stephen	61		1		1

December 18th 2014

Brother Department Secretary,

I am writing to announce my intent to run for the office of Junior Vice Commander in Chief of the SUVCW during the Annual Encampment in Richmond. As it may be that you and I have never had the pleasure of a face to face introduction; please allow me to briefly tell you something of myself, my experience in the SUVCW, and what my qualifications are for the office of JVCinC.

I am originally from New York State. Following graduation from High School, I joined the United States Navy and served as an Operations Specialist for almost 24 years. I retired in 1995 at the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer [E-9] and began a second career in Public Education as a History teacher in Bedford County, Virginia were, I have worked for the last 20 years.

I have been a member of the SUVCW for fifteen (15) years and actively participating in my camp, department and at the national level of the organization for the last ten (10). I have served both my camp and department in all the elected officer positions except Treasurer / Secretary, and I have served at the national level as a member of the Americanism Committee, member of the Programs and Policies Committee, and as Chairman of the Marketing and Promotions Committee. Additionally, I have supported the Sons Veterans Reserve by serving as Adjutant for the Second Military District for two [2] years and as Commander of the Second Military District for four [4] years.

As evidence of my qualifications for the office of JVCinC, I offer the following: Over the past ten [10] years, I have dedicated myself to the causes of the SUVCW and worked diligently to support them financially and with my presence. I have been a delegate to nine out of the last ten national encampments and understand the interworking's of that body very well. I have attended numerous meetings of the Council of Administration and I have worked with the members of that body in my capacity as Chairman of the Marketing and Promotions Committee. I have been the commander of both a large multi-state department and the commander of a large multi-state SVR military district. I served as a member of the 2011 National Encampment host committee and I have successfully coordinated several monument projects, major ceremonies, and fund raising campaigns. In recognition of my service, I have been presented the SVR Meritorious Service Award Silver Star, SUVCW Charitable Foundations Silver Sentinel Award, the Department of the Chesapeake's Arthur Schlenker Award, and the Department of the Chesapeake Andrew Johnson Award.

In closing, I ask only that you forward my intentions and qualifications to your Department Officers and the brothers of your department in the hope that they might be better informed about me, as they review the candidates and make their choices regarding the support of a candidate. For those wishing to examine my complete letter of intent and resume; both documents have been posted on the National Website.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Mark R, Day
PDC Chesapeake
Commander 2ND Military District

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Brothers,

I am running for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 2015 National Encampment held in Richmond Virginia. I am a member of the U. S. Grant camp 368, in St. Louis Mo. I have been a member of the Sons for 34 years. I have held many different officer positions at the camp, department and national levels. I am asking for your support and vote for this position.

When I joined the Sons I joined as an Associate because I am not familiar with genealogy. In April 2014 a national officer took what little paper work I had on my family history and did the research for me. On April 22nd he contacted me and said I had to change my member status to a full member because he found a civil war ancestor for me.

I am retired after 41 years of service as a Captain on the fire department and in charge daily of 11 fire fighters and 3 engine houses.

I have more time to devote to the Sons because I am retired and will be available when I am needed. I will make sure the Sons progress as they have in the past and to seek new avenues to achieve that goal. Because of the many years I have served on and as committee chairman on national committees and 9 years on the Council of Administration, I feel I have gained more insight and knowledge of the goals of the Sons and the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

I am asking for your personal support and Department support in electing me to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Robert M. Petrovic

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Brothers,

Here is my resume for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

I am retired and have more time to devote to the Sons and I will be available when I am needed.
I joined the Sons in 1985 as an Associate. I became a full member in April 2014.
I served as camp secretary/treasurer for 10 years which gave me the rank of Past Camp Commander.
In 1996 I helped form the Department of Missouri and I was the first Department Commander.
I helped form several camps including the one I am in now and several SVR units.
I have been the National Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator since 1996 and I still hold that position.
I have served 3 years on the Real Sons and Daughters committee.
I served as a member of the Ebay Surveillance committee.
I served as chairman of the Ebay Surveillance committee 2000/2001.
I served as a member of the 2001 National Encampment committee held in Springfield Missouri.
I was appointed to the National Encampment Site committee in 2003 and held that position until 2014.
I was appointed as an Aide to the National Encampment Site committee in 2014 and still hold that position.
I was awarded the Meritorious Service award with Gold Star in 2004 which is the Order's highest honor.
I am one of the founding members of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation and I am the present chairman and I am in charge of merchandise sales.
I was the chairman of the 2007 National Encampment held in Saint Louis Missouri.
I was a member of the council of administration for a total of 9 years,
In 2009 I was appointed as chairman of The Lincoln Tomb Observance and still hold that position.
In 2009 I was appointed National Chief of Staff for the SVR.
I have served several years on the Military Affairs Committee.
In 2012 I was awarded the SVR Distinguished Service Medal with Gold Star which is the SVR's highest honor.
I was appointed Co-Chairman of the Remembrance Day program in Gettysburg in 2012.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

U. S. Grant Camp #68, St. Louis, Missouri

Distinguished Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

GREETINGS from the U. S. Grant Camp #68 – St. Louis, who pray you consider our petition.

WHEREAS: Robert M. Petrovic, who for 30 years has served our organization as an associate, and has just recently verified an ancestor who served in the Union army, now finally in his 70's has achieved Member status and,

WHEREAS: Robert M. Petrovic has always placed the highest priority in supporting the organization, currently serves as Chairman of the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, Chairman of the Lincoln Tomb Observance and is in his 15th year as National Eagle Scout Coordinator; and

WHEREAS: Brother Petrovic has served the National organization in a number of other capacities, including election to three terms on the National Council of Administration, as well as Chairman of the Memorial Grant Committee, Chairman of the Ebay Surveillance Committee, Co-chairman of the Remembrance Day Committee and member of the National Encampment Site Committee and the Military Affairs Committee, and,

WHEREAS: Brother Petrovic has been equally active at Camp and Department levels, highlighted by his 10 years as Camp Secretary/Treasurer, 8 years as Department Secretary/Treasurer, Chairman of the Department Host Committee for both 2001 and 2007 National Encampments, and his election as the first Department Commander after the Department of Missouri was re-chartered in 1996; and,

WHEARES: Brother Petrovic sense of service extends to the Sons of Veterans Reserve, where he is a member of Co. A, 2nd Missouri Infantry and currently serves as National Chief of Staff, holding the rank of Colonel: and.

WHEREAS: Brother Petrovic has exemplified the spirit of Fraternity, by offering his insight and experience to other Departments hosting National Encampments; Charity, through offering of new products, services and gifts at his own expense for the betterment of the organization; and Loyalty through his impeccable record of attendance at Camp. Department and National meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE: at the 8 September 2014 meeting of the U. S. Grant Camp #68, Department of Missouri, the Camp passed this resolution of support for the election of Brother Petrovic to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 134th National Encampment to be held in Richmond, Virginia from 20-23 August.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Robert Aubuchon

Robert Aubuchon
Camp Commander
U. S. Grant Camp #68
Department of Missouri

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CASH BASIS
WITH
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED

MARCH 31, 2015 AND 2014

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Sons of Union Veterans of
the Civil War Mass Dept
Brentwood NH, 03833

We have reviewed the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - cash basis of **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT** (a non-profit organization) as of March 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets - cash basis for the years then ended. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of organization management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the cash basis of accounting, as described in Note B.

Sincerely,

Mark Mueller

Mark S. Mueller CPA
August 22, 2015

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS

MARCH 31,

ASSETS

	2015	2014
Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 14,098	$ 13,645
Investments at Fair Market Value	823,090	731,833
Total Assets	$ 837,188	$ 745,478

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	$ 717,732	$ 624,354
Temporarily Restricted	-	1,668
Permanently Restricted	119,456	119,456
Total Net Assets	837,188	745,478
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	$ 837,188	$ 745,478

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2015

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanantly Restricted	Total
Revenues:				
Membership Fees	$ 6,226	$ -	$ -	$ 6,226
Donations	-	-	-	-
Dividend and Interest Income	23,960	887	-	24,847
Unrealized Gains on Investments	90,954	-	-	90,954
Total Revenues and Gains	121,140	887	-	122,027
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	2,555	(2,555)	-	-
Total Support, Revenue, and Gains	123,695	(1,668)	-	122,027
Expenses:				
National Membership Fees	7,651	-	-	7,651
Good of the Order	2,612	-	-	2,612
Rememberance Day	3,221	-	-	3,221
Flag Holder Expense	2,998	-	-	2,998
Travel	5,300	-	-	5,300
Equipment Purchase	1,500	-	-	1,500
Meetings	1,257	-	-	1,257
Miscellaneous	1,046	-	-	1,046
Management and General				-
Rent	1,000	-	-	1,000
Insurance	235	-	-	235
Office Expense	947	-	-	947
Professional Fees	2,550	-	-	2,550
Total Expenses	30,317	-	-	30,317
Change in Net Assets	93,378	(1,668)	-	91,710
Net Assets Beginning of Year	624,354	1,668	119,456	745,478
Net Assets End of Year	$ 717,732	$ -	$ 119,456	$ 837,188

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanantly Restricted	Total
Revenues:				
Membership Fees	$ 5,055	$ -	$ -	$ 5,055
Donations	25	-	-	25
Dividend and Interest Income	22,034	887	-	22,921
Unrealized Loss on Investments	(21,917)	-	-	(21,917)
Total Revenues and Gains	5,197	887	-	6,084
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	-	-	-	-
Total Support, Revenue, and Gains	5,197	887	-	6,084
Expenses:				
National Membership Fees	5,660	-	-	5,660
Good of the Order	2,422	-	-	2,422
Rememberance Day	2,500	-	-	2,500
Flag Holder Expense	-	-	-	-
Travel	4,536	-	-	4,536
Equipment Purchase	1,500	-	-	1,500
Meetings	798	-	-	798
Miscellaneous	582	-	-	582
Management and General				
Rent	1,000	-	-	1,000
Insurance	235	-	-	235
Office Expense	824	-	-	824
Professional Fees	2,500	-	-	2,500
Total Expenses	22,557	-	-	22,557
Change in Net Assets	(17,360)	887	-	(16,473)
Net Assets Beginning of Year	641,714	781	119,456	761,951
Net Assets End of Year	$ 624,354	$ 1,668	$ 119,456	$ 745,478

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED

MARCH 31, 2015 AND 2014

1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

a) Nature of Activities:

The Organization was formed in 1881 and declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia. The Organization's purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union from 1861 to 1865 through preserving and making available for research documents and records pertaining to its members. Other activities include honoring all those who served our country patriotically and teaching patriotism and duties of citizenship.

b) Basis of Presentation:

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting; consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses and purchases of assets are recognized when cash is disbursed rather than when the obligation is incurred. Net assets, revenues, expenses, and gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Organization. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Organization to use all or part of the income earned on any related investments for general or specific purposes.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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MARCH 31, 2015 AND 2014

1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

c) Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of demand deposit accounts and certificates of deposit with maturities of 3 months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market value.

d) Contributions:

Contributions, including unconditional pledges, are recorded as made. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Pledges are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets. Contributions of investments are recorded at the fair market value at the date of the gift.

e) Investments:

Investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair market value in the statements of financial position.

f) Income Taxes:

The Organization is exempt from federal tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is also exempt from state and local income taxes.

On April 1, 2009, the Organization adopted the provisions of FASB ASC-740-10, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*. FASB ASC-740-10 requires that a tax position be recognized or derecognized based on a 'more-likely-than-not' threshold. This applies to positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The implementation of FASB ASC-740-10 had no impact on the Organization's statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets or statement of revenues, expenses and other changes in net assets. The Organization does not believe its financial statements include (or reflect) any uncertain tax positions.

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CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

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FOR THE YEARS ENDED

MARCH 31, 2015 AND 2014

1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

f) Income Taxes (Continued):

The Organization files information returns in the U.S. Federal jurisdiction. With few exceptions, the Organization is no longer subject to U.S. Federal information return examinations by tax authorities for years before 2012.

g) Concentrations of Credit Risk:

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and certificates of deposit. The Organization maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts, the balances of which, at times may exceed federally insured limits. Accounts are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to $250,000. At March 31, 2015 and 2014, the Organization did not have deposits in excess of FDIC insured limits. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

	2015	2014
Cash	$ 14,098	$ 13,645
Total	$ 14,098	$ 13,645

3. Fair Value Measurements:

ASC 820-10-50, *Fair Value Measurements* establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820-10-50 are described below:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Organization has the ability to access.

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3. Fair Value Measurements: (Continued)

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Assets at Fair Values as of March 31, 2015.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stocks	$ 611,461	$ -	$ -	$ 611,461
Certificates of Deposit	-	211,629	-	211,629
	$ 611,461	$ 211,629	$ -	$ 823,090

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities.

	March 31, 2015		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Dividend and Interest Income	$ 23,960	$ 887	$ 24,847
Realized Gains and Losses On Investments	-	-	-
Unrealized Gains and Losses On Investments	90,954	-	90,954
	$ 114,914	$ 887	$115,801

3. Fair Value Measurements: (Continued)

Assets at Fair Values as of March 31, 2014.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stocks	$ 520,506	$ -	$ -	$ 520,506
Certificates of Deposit	-	211,327	-	211,327
	$ 520,506	$ 211,327	$ -	$ 731,833

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities.

	March 31, 2014		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Dividend and Interest Income	$ 22,034	$ 887	$ 22,921
Realized Gains and Losses On Investments	-	-	-
Unrealized Gains and Losses On Investments	(21,917)	-	(21,917)
	$ 117	$ 887	$ 1,004

4. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets are for the following purposes:

	2015	2014
Arnold William Copenhagen Fund Income available to the post for relief work and the decoration of graves of veterans of the Civil War.	$ -	$ 458
Margaretha Myers Fund Income available to provide proper care of lot# 814 Hyacinth, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts.	-	164
Charles F. Ellis Fund Income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of Camp 81 including proper observance of Memorial Day, and other patriotic anniversaries.	-	210

4. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets: (Continued)

George C. Marshall Fund Income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of the Camp including the proper observance of Memorial Day and other patriotic anniversaries.	-	407
Robert & Ethel Wood Fund Income available to place a wreath at each Christmas season on the graves of Robert and Ethel Wood, Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lot# 3298 Dorchester, Massachusetts.	-	429
	$ -	$1,668

5. Permanently Restricted Net Assets:

Permanently Restricted Net Assets are for the following purposes:

	2015	2014
Arnold William Copenhagen Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to the post for relief work and the decaration of graves of veterans of the Civil War.	$ 47,070	$ 47,070
Margaretha Myers Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to provide proper care of lot# 814 Hyacinth, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts.	14,071	14,071
Charles F. Ellis Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of Camp 81 including proper observance of Memorial Day, and other patriotic anniversaries.	17,284	17,284

5. Permanently Restricted Net Assets: (Continued)

George C. Marshall Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational,and patriotic work of the Camp including the proper observance of Memorial Day and other patriotic anniversaries.	13,993	13,993
Robert & Ethel Wood Fund Investments in perpetuity income available to place a wreath at each Christmas season on the graves of Robert and Ethel Wood, Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lot# 3298 Dorchester, Massachusetts.	27,038	27,038
	$ 119,456	$ 119,456

6. Evaluation of Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through August 22, 2015, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Department Officers Meeting
March 8, 2015

The Camp Annual Reports are due on April 30th. Four Camps have still not turned in their Installation Reports: Camps 5, 25, 50 and 3188.
Some Camps are going to have to file corporate tax forms due to no Camp By-laws being sent in. They are Camps 25, 26, 50, 61, 132 and 3188.

Update on Department Encampment: The rooms will be $99 plus tax. The Campfire entertainment will be Chuck Viet from 7-9 p.m. Saturday night at dinner the 12th Georgia String Band will play. We had to guarantee the hotel $1500 in food in order to get the meeting rooms for free. Discussion followed on the cost of the meals. It's going to be $15 for lunch, $25 for dinner and $5 for registration, and if a Brother takes all three it will be bundled for $40. The Department Treasurer is going to be in charge of Registration. The dinner and lunch fees for the ASUVCW will be sent to the SUVCW. The ribbons are ordered. The ASUVCW will pay 20% of the cost if they would like ribbons. PDC badge was ordered and engraved. The 2015-2016 budget was discussed. It will be presented at Encampment as voted on at this meeting.

September 13th is the Saugus Veterans Parade and the Department Commander would like to see a good turn-out for the parade.

Mount Auburn Cemetery: To donate, or not to donate, for repair of monuments will be brought up at Encampment.

There was discussion about 501c3 versus 501c4.

During the Lynn Sesquicentennial celebration there will be a Shrimp Scampi Dinner on May 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Lynn. On Saturday night, May 30th, there will be a Bean Supper at the Lynn GAR Hall at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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